UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT HARTFORD DIVISION

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In re:

CHAPTER 11

HERMITAGE INN REAL ESTATE HOLDING COMPANY, LLC,

CASE NO. 19-20903 (JJT)

Debtor.

HERMITAGE INN REAL ESTATE HOLDING COMPANY, LLC

Movant,

v.

15-HERMITAGE, LLC, A&W REALTY LLC, ALBERT SUBBLOIE, ANN COLEMAN, ATOMIC PROFESSIONAL AUDIO INC. AUSTIN DESIGN INC., BARNSTORMER SUMMIT LIFT, LLC, BERKSHIRE BANK, BROWNS COUNTRY SERVICES LLC. BSA ARCHITECTS, INC., BUILDERS SERVICES, INC., CAROL H. BUTLER TRUST, CHARLES COLLINS & ANA CLADERA, COLDBROOK FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, CRAIG DOERSCH PAINTING, LLC, DAN AND JOHN LANE dba LANE PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. DAN MCLEOD, DAN SOLAZ, DAVID MANNING INC. DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC. DONALD JABRO, FISHER AND FISHER LAW OFFICES. FRED H. HAMBLET, LLC, GORDON BRISTOL CONSULTING, LLC GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORP. GREENFIELD GLASS COMPANY. GRENOBLE GROUP. HARRINGTON ENGINEERING INC.,

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SVCS CORP: IRON HORSE STANDING SEAM ROOFING CO, JOYCE LAND SURVEYING CORP. KEY DRILLING & BLASTING SVCS, LAKELAND BANK, LPV, MACROLEASE CORPORATION, MANCHESTER CARPET CARE INC., MATTHEW CURTIS, METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSN, MICHAEL FAYETTE dba MFAYETTE CARPENTRY, LLC. MICHAEL FAYETTE STEPHEN KUNKLE dba STEPHEN KUNKLE CARPENTRY, MOUNTAIN GLASS AND LOCK CORP. MR STEEL ACQUISITION CORP., NEC FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC. NORDIC VALLEY PROPERTIES LLC, NORTHERN BUILDING SUPPLIES, INC. NS LEASING, LLC, OAKLEAF MARINE MANAGEMENT CORP,: PIONEER TIMBER FRAMES LLC, PJB HOME CENTER, INC., PLIMPTON EXCAVATING LLC. RCN CAPITAL LLC, RCN CAPITAL LLC, ATIMA, REINHART EOUIPMENT. REINHART FOODSERVICE, LLC, ROBERT FISHER. RTM CAPITAL PARTNERS, INC., SETH AND JENNIFER GOODMAN, SHEFFIELD FINANCIAL, SOUTHWORTH ELECTRICAL INC. SPRUNG STRUCTURES. SQUIRE CAPITAL, STEPHEN KUNKLE. STEPHEN KUNKLE dba STEPHEN KUNKLE CARPENTRY, SVT MASONRY INCORPORATED, SWAN ELECTRIC, INC., SYSCO ALBANY, LLC, TEREX FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.. TEREX FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., TFT HOLDINGS, LLC, THE INN AT SAWMILL FARM, LLC. THOMAS WHIT & ELIZ ARMSTRONG,

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TRINITY ENGINEERING &
TECHNICAL SERVICES, LLC,
TRIPLE T TRUCKING,
TRUE WORLD FOODS BOSTON, LLC,
TYLER AND ROSE DICKSON,
VARESCHI PLUMBING & HEATING,
VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF TAX,
W&W BUILDING SUPPLY,
WALKER KIMBALL,
WESTERN EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC,
WINDHAM ARCHITECTURAL METALS,

Respondents.

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In re:

CHAPTER 11

HERMITAGE CLUB, LLC

CASE NO. 19-20904 (JJT)

Debtor.

HERMITAGE CLUB, LLC

Movant,

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BARNSTORMER SUMMIT LIFT, LLC,
BERKSHIRE BANK,
CORPORATION SERVICE CO, AS REP,
DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC,
INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SVCS CORP:
NEC FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC,
REINHART FOODSERVICE, LLC,
SYSCO ALBANY, LLC,
TCF EQUIPMENT FINANCE,
WEBBANK,

Respondents.

DEBTORS' AMENDED MOTION FOR ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO OBTAIN POSTPETITION FINANCING PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a), 362 AND 364(c) and (d), (II) GRANTING LIENS AND SUPERPRIORITY CLAIMS TO THE DIP LENDER PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 364(c), AND (III) SCHEDULING A FINAL HEARING PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY RULE 4001

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Hermitage Inn Real Estate Holding Company LLC ("HIREHCO") and Hermitage Club LLC (the "Club", and together with HIREHCO, the "Debtors"), the debtors and debtors-inpossession herein, by and through their undersigned proposed counsel, submit this motion (the "Motion") for entry of an order substantially in the form submitted herewith (the "Interim DIP Order,") pursuant to sections 105(a), 361, 362, 363 and 364 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101, et. seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code"), (i) authorizing the Debtors to obtain secured postpetition financing from Restructured Opportunity Investors, Inc., or its assignee (the "DIP Lender" or "Lender"), consisting of a credit facility in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$1,750,000 (the "DIP Financing" or the "DIP Facility") for the purpose of funding the Debtors' general operating needs and the administration of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, in accordance with (a) a Debtor-in-Possession Credit Commitment Letter entered into as of May 9, 2019 (the "DIP Credit Commitment"), between the Debtors and the DIP Lender and (b) the budget ("Budget") attached to the Interim DIP Order; (ii) authorizing the Debtors' entry into definitive loan documents including the Debtor-In-Possession Loan and Security Agreement (the "DIP Loan Agreement") (attached hereto as Exhibit A) evidencing the terms set forth in the DIP Credit Commitment, and performance of such other acts as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith; (iii) granting to the DIP Lender valid, fully perfected, and enforceable security interests and liens (collectively, the "DIP Liens") in and upon the DIP Collateral (as defined in the DIP Loan Agreement) pursuant to sections 364(c)(2) and 364(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code; (iv) granting an allowed superpriority administrative expense claim (the "DIP Superpriority Claim") to the DIP Lender pursuant to section 364(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code; and (v) scheduling a final hearing (the "Hearing") pursuant to Rules 4001(b)(2) and (c)(2) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") to consider entry of the Interim

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DIP Order, authorizing and approving the DIP Financing.

In support of this Motion, the Debtors rely upon the *Declaration of James Barnes in Support of Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings* (the "First Day Declaration"), filed contemporaneously herewith, and respectfully state as follows:

Jurisdiction, Venue And Statutory Predicates

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).
- 2. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a), 361, 362, 363 and 364 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 4001, 6004 and 9014, and Rule 4001-3 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut (the "Local Rules").

A. General Background

- 3. Simultaneously herewith, the Debtors each filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, commencing the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Chapter 11 Cases") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut.
- 4. The Debtors are managing their property as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. As of the filing of this Motion, no request has

¹ On May 22, 2019, an involuntary bankruptcy petition was filed against HIREHCO in the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Vermont, Case No. 19-10214 by three petitioners. The Debtors note that two of the petitioners, Dan Solaz and Lakeland Bank, are respondents to this Motion. The Debtors recognize that under Bankruptcy Rule 1014(b), the Vermont Bankruptcy Court may determine the district or districts in which these cases will proceed.

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been made for the appointment of a trustee or examiner and no statutory committee has been appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases.

- 5. The Debtors own and operate a four-season private members only ski and golf club located in Wilmington, Vermont ("Hermitage" or the "Resort"). HIREHCO was formed in 2007 to purchase the Hermitage Inn (the "Inn") in West Dover, Vermont. In 2011, HIREHCO expanded its operations and purchased the nearby Haystack Mountain ski resort and an adjacent 18-hole Desmond Muirhead designed championship golf course. The Club was organized at that time with the intent to develop the Resort into a private, members only facility with 450 private homes and condominiums to be built on site.
- 6. Development of the project commenced and ski lifts were installed to link the Inn to the ski mountain. Club membership interest were sold at an even pace to achieve the goal of 1,500 members and 450 residential properties on site.
- 7. Within a couple of years, the Debtors' operations expanded to include the Snow Goose Inn, White House Inn, the Inn at Sawmill Farm, and a local airport property with an additional 450 acres for building lots and expansion of the existing runway.
- 8. The purchase of the airport property proved to be troublesome for the Debtors. The State of Vermont Department of Natural Resources took the position that the common ownership of the Resort and the airport property through HIREHCO provided grounds to re-evaluate permits already issued by the State. The State of Vermont slowed the permitting process as it evaluated impact on the local area. The sale of Club memberships decreased dramatically. Because of the financial distress caused by the declining sale of Club memberships and the lingering permitting issue, it became necessary for HIREHCO to sell the airport property and additional acreage to maintain operations.

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- 9. The decline in membership sales and real estate sales resulted in, *inter alia*, a default in payment of sales and use taxes owed to the State of Vermont. On April 1, 2018, the State of Vermont ordered the closure of the Resort due to the non-payment of taxes. Subsequently, Berkshire Bank commenced a foreclosure action against the Debtors in the Vermont State Courts (the "Foreclosure Action"). By order of the court, a receiver (the "Receiver") was appointed in the Foreclosure Action to take possession of the HIREHCO assets. The Receiver has maintained and preserved the property but has not sought to re-open or improve the facilities since its appointment. The Receiver retained approximately five employees to maintain the Resort.
- 10. As a result of the Resort closure and the effect of the pending Foreclosure Action, it became necessary for the Debtors to file petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 11. Additional information and greater detail on the history of the Resort and its operations may be found in the First Day Declaration of James Barnes, which is incorporated herein by reference.

B. Organizational Structure

12. HIREHCO is a Connecticut limited liability company. James R. Barnes is the Manager and initial member of HIREHCO. The Club is a Connecticut limited liability company wholly owned by HIREHCO.

C. The Debtors' Prepetition Capital Structure

- (i) Prepetition Senior Credit Documents
- 13. HIREHCO, as borrower, is a party to a construction loan agreement and related documents dated September 30, 2013 pursuant to which Berkshire Bank ("Berkshire" or the "Prepetition Senior Lender") extended a secured financing facility to HIREHCO in the original

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principal sum of \$20,000,000, as evidenced by a certain Second Amended and Restated Promissory Note in the original principal amount of \$15,000,000 (the "Base Lodge Note"); as further evidenced by that certain Third Amended and Restated Promissory Note dated June 28, 2016 in the original principal amount of \$1,000,000 (the "Bridge Loan Note") and as further evidenced by that certain Promissory Note dated as of July 18, 2017 in the original principal amount of \$1,100,000 (the "Second Bridge Loan Note"), all as secured by a Construction Mortgage and Security Agreement dated September 30, 2013 (the "Construction Mortgage") and recorded in the Town of Wilmington and the Town of Dover Land Records on real property owned by HIREHCO and located in the Towns of Wilmington and Dover, as more specifically described on Schedule A attached hereto (the "Real Property"), as amended by Amendment of Mortgage dated April 30, 2014 and as further amended by Second Amendment of Mortgage dated November 12, 2014 and as further amended by Third Amendment of Mortgage dated December 3, 2014 and as further amended by Fourth Amendment of Mortgage dated December 4, 2015 and as further amended by Fifth Amendment of Mortgage dated June 28, 2016 and as further amended by Sixth Amendment of Mortgage dated February 1,2017 and as further amended by Sixth Amendment of Mortgage dated February 1, 2017 and as further amended by Seventh Amendment of Mortgage dated February 10, 2017 and as further amended by Eighth Amendment of Mortgage dated July 18, 2017. (The Base Lodge Note, the Bridge Loan Note, the Second Bridge Loan Note and together with the Construction Mortgage, as amended, the "Berkshire Loan Facility").

14. A portion of the real property secured by the Berkshire Loan Facility is leased by HIREHCO from the Town of Wilmington and the Wilmington Water District. The Town of Wilmington and the Wilmington Water District, as Landlord under the ground lease entered into a certain Ground Lease Consent and Recognition Agreement dated March 9, 2015 and recorded

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in the Wilmington Land Records consenting to the Berkshire Loan Facility.

- 15. The Club and HIREHCO granted to Berkshire a security interest in all of their respective personal property ("Personal Property") to secure the indebtedness under the Berkshire Loan Facility by Security Agreements each dated September 30, 2013. In order to perfect the security interests, Berkshire filed UCC financing statements with the Connecticut Secretary of State (the "Security Interests").
- 16. On December 3, 2014, HIREHCO, the Club and James R. Barnes entered into a Second Amended and Restated Construction Loan Agreement, as amended by First Amendment of Loan Agreement and Other Loan Documents dated June 28, 2016, Second Amendment of Loan Agreement and Other Loan Documents dated February 10, 2017, Third Amendment of Loan Agreement and other Loan Documents dated June 14, 2017 and Fourth Amendment of Loan Agreement and Other Loan Documents dated July 18, 2017 to secure the Berkshire Loan Facility.
- 17. By Amended and Restated Payment and Completion Guaranty dated December 3, 2014, as amended, James R. Barnes executed a guaranty of the obligations of HIRECHO to Berkshire.
- 18. Berkshire declared a default under the Berkshire Loan Facility and the parties entered a certain Forbearance Agreement dated December 30, 2016 as amended by Second Amendment to Forbearance Agreement dated July 18, 2017 and as further amended by Amended and Restated Forbearance Agreement dated November 30, 2017.
- 19. As of the Petition Date, approximately \$19 million remains outstanding under the Berkshire Loan Facility (together with any amounts incurred or accrued, but unpaid prior to the Petition Date, the "First Lien Obligations"). The Security Interests granted the Prepetition Senior Lender first-priority security interests in and liens on all of their respective personal and real

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property (collectively, the "Prepetition Collateral"), subject only to certain permitted encumbrances (the "Permitted Liens").

- 20. <u>Involuntary Liens and Encumbrances on the Real Property.</u> There are a number of liens affecting the Real Property, which liens are subsequent and subordinate to the liens of the Prepetition Senior Lender. The following entities may claim an interest in the Real Property (collectively, the "Prepetition Involuntary Liens"):
- a. BSA Architects, Inc. d/b/a Bull Stockwell Allen may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Mechanic's Lien dated June 24, 2016 in the amount of \$338,717.81 and recorded on June 27, 2016 in the Town of Dover Land Records, and that certain Writ of Attachment and Order of Approval dated August 31, 2016 and recorded in the Town of Wilmington and Town of Dover Land Records and that certain Judgment order to Stipulation dated February 8, 2017 in the amount of \$430,000 and recorded in the Wilmington Land Records and the Dover Land Records.
- b. MR Steel Acquisition Corp. d/b/a Ameri-Fab may claim an interest in the Real Property in the amount of \$58,750.00 by virtue of a Notice of Mechanics Lien dated February 13, 2017 and recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- c. Thomas Whit Armstrong, Jr. and Elizabeth Armstrong may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Writ of Attachment and order of Approval dated April 20, 2017 in the amount of \$227,186.36 and by Order dated October 23, 2017 in the amount of \$198,242.12 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- d. PJB Home Center, Inc. d/b/a Perkins Home Center may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Mechanics Lien dated May 10, 2017 in the amount of \$4,093.35 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records and a Notice of Mechanics Lien dated May 10, 2017

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in the amount of \$30,645.19 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records and a Contractor's Lien dated May 8, 2017 in the amount of \$7,556.11, recorded in the Dover Land Records.

- e. Green Mountain Power Corporation may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Stipulated Writ of Attachment dated June 12, 2017 in the amount of \$257,628.11 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- f. Michael Fayette d/b/a MFayette Carpentry, LLC may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Mechanics Lien in the amount of \$18,844.00 recorded on July 6, 2017 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- g. Stephen Kunkle d/b/a Stephen Kunkle Carpentry may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Mechanics Lien in the amount of \$19,140 recorded on July 6, 2017 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- h. Dan and John Lane d/b/a Lane Plumbing & Heating, Inc. may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Mechanics Lien dated July 6, 2017 in the amount of \$68,504.33 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- i. Southworth Electrical, Inc. may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Memorandum of Lien dated July 10, 2017 in the amount of \$66,090.44 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- j. Swan Electric, Inc. may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Contractor's Lien dated July 10, 2017 in the amount of \$62,510.60 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- k. SVT Masonry Incorporated may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Judgment in the amount of \$103,719.21 recorded on May 30, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records and relating to a Notice of Lien dated July 14, 2017 in the amount of \$89,950

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recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.

- l. Seth Goodman and Jennifer Goodman may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Writ of Attachment dated July 21, 2017 in the amount of \$986,495.21 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- m. Craig Doersch Painting, LLC may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Lien dated August 2, 2017 in the amount of \$76,834.00 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- n. Mountain Glass & Lock Corporation may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Claim of Lien dated August 11, 2017 in the amount of \$44,872.50 and by Stipulated Writ of Attachment dated November 8, 2017 in the amount of \$54,057.02 recorded in the Wilmington land Records.
- o. Vareschi Plumbing & Heating may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Lien dated August 17, 2017 in the amount of \$15,220.00 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- p. Manchester Carpet Care, Inc. may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Lien dated August 9, 2017 in the amount of \$39,875.09 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- q. Windham Architectural Metals may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Lien dated October 4, 2017 in the amount of \$16,209.16 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- r. Sysco Albany, LLC may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Judgment Order dated August 31, 2017 in the amount of \$23,541.61 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.

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- s. Greenfield Glass Company may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Lien dated October 24, 2017 in the amount of \$4,928.88 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- t. Austin Design Inc. may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Lien dated October 24, 2017 in the amount of \$20,501.25 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- u. Iron Horse Standing Seam Roofing Co. a/k/a Iron Horse Roofing Co. may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Preliminary Lien Notice dated November 27, 2017 in the amount of \$25,631.11 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- v. Reinhart FoodService, LLC may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Writ of Attachment dated November 27, 2017 in the amount of \$1,587,448.10 recorded in the Wilmington and Dover Land Records.
- w. Reinhart FoodService LLC may further claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Writ of Attachment dated January 25, 2018 in the amount of \$1,587,448.10 recorded in the Wilmington and Dover Land Records.
- x. Gordon Bristol d/b/a Gordon Bristol Consulting, LLC may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Lien dated December 18, 2017 in the amount of \$57,080.58 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- y. Michael Fayette and Stephen Kunkle d/b/a Stephen Kunkle Carpentry may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Writ of Attachment and Order of Approval dated January 2, 2018 in the amount of \$30,959.55 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- z. Pioneer Timber Frames LLC may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Lien dated January 5, 2018 in the amount of \$16,520.00 recorded in the

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Wilmington Land Records.

- aa. Trinity Engineering & Technical Services, LLC may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Mechanics Lien dated January 16, 2018 in the amount of \$13,557.75 recorded in the Wilmington and Dover Land Records.
- bb. Trinity Engineering & Technical Services, LLC may further claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Mechanic's Lien dated January 16, 2018 in the amount of \$9,743.65 recorded in the Dover Land Records.
- cc. Metropolitan Golf Association may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Judgement Order dated October 30, 2017 and certified on January 16, 2018 in the amount of \$50,358.84 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- dd. Pamela Keefe, Trustee of the Carol H. Butler Trust may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Writ of Attachment dated January 30, 2018 in the amount of \$1,092,993.16 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
- ee. Fred H. Hamblet, LLC may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Lien dated April 13, 2017 in the amount of \$21,990.00 recorded in the Dover Land Records.
- ff. Joyce Land Surveying Corp. may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Notice of Contractors Lien dated February 5, 2018 in the amount of \$7,374.98 recorded in the Wilmington and Dover Land Records.
- gg. Tyler Dickson and Rose Stewart Dickson may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Writ of Attachment dated February 9, 2018 in the amount of \$1,005,000.00 recorded in the Wilmington Land Records.
 - hh. Brown's Country Services, LLC may claim an interest in the Real Property

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by virtue of a Notice of Lien in the amount of \$150,382.86 recorded on February 21, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records.

- ii. Dan Solaz may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Writ and Order in the amount of \$314,000.00 recorded on February 26, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- jj. Plimpton Excavating, LLC may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of an Order in the amount of \$37,102.84 recorded on August 9, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records relating to a Mechanic's Lien recorded on March 7, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- kk. Key Drilling & Blasting Services, Inc. may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Mechanic's lien in the amount of \$66,600.00 recorded on March 7, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- ll. Builders Services, Inc. may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of an interest recorded on March 12, 2018 at Book 347, Page 247 of the Dover Land Records.
- mm. Harrington Engineering, Inc. may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of an interest in the amount of \$39,953.59 recorded on March 12, 2018 at Book 339, Page 159 of the Wilmington Land Records and recorded on March 9, 2018 at Book 11, Page 404 of the Dover Land Records.
- nn. Ann Coleman may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a lien in the amount of \$1,670.44 recorded on March 12, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- oo. Northern Building Supplies, Inc. may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of an Order in the amount of \$151,744.44 recorded on July 2, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records and relating to a Mechanic's Lien in the amount of \$121,999.13 recorded on March

- 13, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records and recorded on March 6, 2018 in the Dover Land Records.
- pp. Triple T Trucking may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Mechanic's Lien in the amount of \$34,634.31 recorded on March 20, 2018 in the Wilmington and Dover Land Records.
- qq. Triple T Trucking may claim a further interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Mechanic's Lien in the amount of \$1,981.50 recorded on March 20, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- rr. Dan Solaz may claim a further interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Writ in the amount of \$314,000 recorded on April 2, 2018 relating to a Mechanic's Lien recorded on March 21, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- ss. Charles T. Collins and Ana Cladera may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Judgment in the amount of \$1,107,192.00 recorded on June 29, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records relating to a Writ recorded on March 21, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- tt. David Manning, Inc. may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of an Order in the amount of \$34,805.97 recorded on August 29, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records relating to a Mechanic's Lien recorded on April 6, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- uu. TFT Holdings, LLC may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Judgment in the amount of \$1,458,249.00 recorded on June 29, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records relating to a Writ recorded on April 9, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- vv. Cold Brook Fire District may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a lien in the amount of \$255.42 recorded on May 10, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records.

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- ww. Atomic Professional Audio, Inc. may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a Judgment in the amount of \$71,372.96 recorded on June 21, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- xx. True World Foods Boston LLC may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of an Order in the amount of \$10,790.58 recorded on August 9, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- yy. Cold Brook Fire District may claim a further interest in the Real Property by virtue of a lien in the amount of \$6,250.00 recorded on August 15, 2018 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- 21. Tax Liens on the Real Property. The State of Vermont Department of Taxes may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of (i) a State Tax Lien dated July 25, 2017 in the amount of \$185,239.07 and recorded in the Wilmington Land Records; (ii) a State Tax Lien dated September 7, 2017 in the amount of \$114,450.24 and recorded in the Wilmington Land Records; (iii) a State Tax Lien dated September 13, 2017 in the amount of \$299,151.87 and recorded in the Wilmington Land Records; (iv) a State Tax Lien dated August 10, 2017 in the amount of \$185,897.61 and recorded in the Wilmington Land Records; and (v) a State Tax Lien dated October 20, 2017 in the amount of \$4,396.90 and recorded in the Wilmington Land Records (collectively, the "Tax Liens").
- 22. **Mortgages Affecting the Real Property**. In addition to the mortgage held by Berkshire Bank, the following entities hold mortgages secured by the Real Property (collectively, the "Prepetition Subordinate Mortgages"):
- a. Donald and Savannah Jabro may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a mortgage securing the original principal amount of \$450,000.00 which mortgage was

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recorded on May 1, 2017 in the Wilmington Land Records.

- b. Fisher & Fisher Law Offices may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a mortgage securing the original principal amount of \$143,727.72 which mortgage was recorded on November 17, 2017 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- c. RTM Capital Partners, Inc., LPV, 15-Hermitage, LLC and Matthew Curtis may claim an interest in the Real Property by virtue of a mortgage deed securing the original principal amount of \$2,080,527.77, which mortgage was recorded on December 20, 2017 in the Wilmington Land Records.
- 23. In addition to the liens affecting the Real Property, there are liens affecting the Personal Property assets of the Debtors. The following entities may claim an interest in the Debtors' Personal Property (collectively, the "Personal Property Liens"):
- a. Barnstormer Summit Lift, LLC may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by HIREHCO by virtue of Original Financing Statement No. 0003128812 recorded with the Connecticut Secretary of State and Original Financing Statement No. 16-300965 recorded with the Vermont Secretary of State;
- b. Berkshire Bank may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by the Debtors by virtue of Original Financing Statement Nos. 0002961631 and 0002993655 recorded with the Connecticut Secretary of State;
- c. Corporation Service Company, as Representative may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by HIREHCO by virtue of Original Financing Statement No. 0003016672 recorded with the Connecticut Secretary of State;
- d. Dell Financial Services, LLC may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by the Club virtue of Original Financing Statement No. 0002956221 recorded with the

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Connecticut Secretary of State;

- e. International Financial Services Corporation may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by the Debtors by virtue of Original Financing Statement No. 0003021288 recorded with the Connecticut Secretary of State and Original Financing Statement No. 14-274506 recorded with the Vermont Secretary of State;
- f. Lakeland Bank may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by HIREHCO by virtue of Original Financing Statement No. 0003103361 recorded with the Connecticut Secretary of State;
- g. Macrolease Corporation may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by HIREHCO by virtue of Original Financing Statement No. 0003021633 recorded with the Connecticut Secretary of State;
- h. NEC Financial Services, LLC may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by the Club by virtue of Original Financing Statement Nos. 0003057636, 0003059810, 0003093807, and 0003095460 recorded with the Connecticut Secretary of State;
- i. Nordic Valley Properties, LLC may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by HIREHCO by virtue of Original Financing Statement No. 14-277361 recorded with the Vermont Secretary of State;
- j. NS Leasing, LLC may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by HIREHCO by virtue of Original Financing Statement Nos. 16-301105 and 17-309506 recorded with the Vermont Secretary of State;
- k. RCN Capital, LLC, ATIMA may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by HIREHCO by virtue of Original Financing Statement No. 0003026452 recorded with the Connecticut Secretary of State and Original Financing Statement No. 14-275621 recorded with

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the Vermont Secretary of State;

- l. Reinhart Foodservice, LLC may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by the Debtors by virtue of Original Financing Statement No. 0003214434 recorded with the Connecticut Secretary of State and Writ of Attachment 17-325079 recorded with the Vermont Secretary of State;
- m. Sysco Albany, LLC may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by the Club by virtue of Original Financing Statement No. 0003176847 recorded with the Connecticut Secretary of State;
- n. TCF Equipment Finance division of TCF National Bank may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by the Club by virtue of Original Financing Statement Nos. 0003060165 and 0003122563 recorded with the Connecticut Secretary of State;
- o. Terex Financial Services, Inc. may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by HIREHCO by virtue of Original Financing Statement No. 0003161474 recorded with the Connecticut Secretary of State and Original Financing Statement No. 17-310389 recorded with the Vermont Secretary of State;
- p. The Inn at Sawmill Farm, LLC may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by HIREHCO by virtue of Original Financing Statement Nos. 15-278506 and 15-278507 recorded with the Vermont Secretary of State;
- q. Webbank may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by the Club by virtue of Original Financing Statement No. 0003019760 recorded with the Connecticut Secretary of State; and
- r. Western Equipment Finance, Inc. may claim an interest in the Personal Property owned by HIREHCO by virtue of Original Financing Statement No. 0003159592

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recorded with the Connecticut Secretary of State.

- 24. The Prepetition Involuntary Liens, the Prepetition Subordinated Mortgages, and the Personal Property Liens shall be hereinafter referred to as the "Prepetition Subordinated Obligations".
- 25. As of the Petition Date, the Debtors have aggregate unsecured debts (excluding claims by members of the Resort) totaling approximately \$4.5 million, for merchandise, utilities, professional fees, insurance, and employee-related expenses.

Need For Postpetition Financing

- 26. The Debtors intend to use the Chapter 11 Cases to restructure their debt obligations and propose a feasible plan of reorganization. The Debtors will be irreparably harmed if they are not granted the authority to obtain postpetition financing from the DIP Lender in accordance with the terms of the DIP Loan Agreement. The relief sought herein is necessary in order to permit, among other things, the ability to fund payroll and payroll taxes as well as the ability to provide maintenance to the Resort, insurance and other ongoing necessary chapter 11 expenses including professional fees and United States Trustee Fees. The access of the Debtors to sufficient liquidity made available through the incurrence of new indebtedness for borrowed money is vital to the preservation and maintenance of the going concern value of the Debtors and to a successful reorganization of the Debtors.
- Absent the additional funds provided by the DIP Financing, the Debtors project that they will not have sufficient cash to maintain the Resort and its assets. It is critical that the Debtors have sufficient funding to meet their ordinary course and bankruptcy-related obligations in order to effectuate an orderly reorganization. The Debtors believe that the DIP Financing, will enable them to meet their obligations in these Chapter 11 Cases.

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- 28. Given the Debtors' existing capital structure and financial condition, the Debtors were unable to obtain adequate unsecured credit allowable under section 503(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code as an administrative expense. The Debtors are also unable to obtain secured credit allowable under sections 364(c)(1), 364(c)(2) and 364(c)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code without granting the DIP Lender, subject to the carve out and professional fee escrow, the DIP Liens and the DIP superpriority administrative expense claim under the terms and conditions set forth in the DIP Loan Agreement.
- 29. After good faith arm's length negotiations with respect to the terms and conditions of the DIP Financing, and after soliciting proposals from other potential DIP lenders, including Berkshire, the Debtors concluded, in an exercise of their sound business judgment, that the financing to be provided by the DIP Lender pursuant to the terms of the DIP Loan Agreement and the Interim DIP Order clearly represents the most favorable terms and adequate source of financing presently available to the Debtors.
- 30. The Debtors sought and received proposals for alternative financing. In the weeks prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors solicited a financing proposal from Berkshire, among others. Berkshire has reported that it is not interested in providing post-petition financing to the Debtors. The DIP Financing is the only option available to the Debtors at this critical time. As outlined in more detail below, the DIP Financing (a) provides for up to \$1,750,000 of financing, \$1,000,000 of which is required on an interim basis, (b) has a maturity date that is the earlier of six months from approval or entry of a final order confirming a plan of reorganization, (c) is not secured by any avoidance actions, and (d) contains reasonable covenants and conditions.
- 31. The Debtors submit that the terms of the proposed DIP Financing are fair, reasonable and balanced, reflect the Debtors' exercise of sound business judgment consistent with

their fiduciary duties, are the best available under the circumstances, supported by reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration, and should be approved on an interim and final basis.

Summary of Dip Financing Terms

32. In accordance with the disclosure requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c), a summary of the material terms of the DIP Loan Agreement, are set forth in the chart below.²

Borrowers	Hermitage Inn Real Estate Holding Company LLC and Hermitage Club LLC
Lender	Restructured Opportunity Investors, Inc. or its assignee (the "Lender")
Commitment, Availability and Purpose	The DIP Financing shall be a first priority secured credit facility of up to \$1,750,000 for which the DIP Lender will receive protection under Sections 364(c) and 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code.
Term, Maturity and Benchmarks	The maturity date (the "Maturity Date") of the DIP Financing is as follows: the earlier of (i) six months from entry of order approving DIP or (ii) final order confirming Debtors' plan of reorganization. The benchmarks are: a. Hiring Jonathan Joslow, or such other professional acceptable to Lender, as Chief Restructuring Officer with motion, if necessary, to be filed within 10 days of Petition Date and hearing thereon within 30 days of Petition Date; b. Meeting of Resort members within forty-five (45) days of the Petition Date with the result being that at least sixty-five percent (65%) of existing members commence paying one hundred percent (100%) of their monthly dues within sixty days of the Petition Date; c. Payment of monthly interest from Interest Reserve to commence within ninety (90) days of the Petition Date; and d. Filing of a confirmable plan of reorganization within one hundred twenty (120) days of the Petition Date and confirmation of a plan of reorganization within sixty (60)

² The descriptions of the material terms of the proposed DIP Financing provided in this Motion are intended only as a summary thereof. Parties should refer to the full DIP Loan Agreement for complete terms of the financing. In the event of any inconsistency between the descriptions set forth herein and the terms of the DIP Credit Commitment, the terms of the DIP Credit Commitment and Final DIP Order shall govern. All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this summary chart shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the DIP Credit Commitment.

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	days thereafter.
Interest Rate, Payments, Fees and Expenses	Interest Rate: Prime + 5.5% per annum Default Rate: In the event of a default by the Debtors as specified in the DIP Loan Agreement, the interest rate charged will be the lesser of (i) 18% per annum or (ii) maximum rate permitted by law. At closing,
	Lender shall advance \$280,000 from the DIP Facility to fund an Interest Reserve. Interest payments will be drawn from the Interest Reserve monthly in arrears.
	Structuring Fee: \$25,000
	Commitment Fee: \$52,500
	Exit Fee: Three Percent (3%) of the loan amount (\$52,000) will be payable upon repayment of the loan
Carve Out and Professional Fee Escrow	Superpriority administrative expense claim granted to Lender shall be subject to carve out for the payment of all unpaid fees payable to the U.S. Trustee under 28 U.S.C. § 1930. In addition, Lender shall consent to the funding of a professional fee escrow of no less than \$300,000 (\$100,000 on an interim basis) to be used for the payment of approved professional fees and expenses for professionals retained on behalf of the Debtors and any official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in these cases.
Valid Liens	DIP Liens . The senior first priority DIP Liens granted to the DIP Lender pursuant to the DIP Order and the DIP Facility are deemed valid and perfected upon the entry of the Interim DIP Order. The Lender shall have an allowed superpriority administrative expense claim pursuant to Section 364(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Relief Requested

33. By this Motion, the Debtors seek entry of the DIP Order granting the following relief: (i) authorizing and approving the Debtors' entry into the DIP Loan Agreement and performance of such other acts as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith, to obtain up to \$1,750,000 of secured postpetition loans and advances pursuant to the DIP Order; (ii) granting to the DIP Lender the DIP Liens in and upon the DIP Collateral pursuant to sections 364(c)(2) and 364(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code; (iii) granting an allowed DIP Superpriority Claim to the DIP Lender pursuant to section 364(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code; and (iv) vacating and modifying the automatic stay to the extent necessary to effectuate the terms and provisions of the

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DIP Loan Agreement.

Basis For Relief

- 34. The Debtors do not have sufficient cash or other assets to operate their business during these Chapter 11 Cases or to effectuate a reorganization. The Debtors will be irreparably harmed if they are not granted the authority to obtain postpetition financing from the DIP Lender in accordance with the terms of the DIP Loan Agreement in order to permit, among other things, the orderly maintenance of its business, the ability to fund payroll and payroll taxes, as well as the ability to provide critical Resort maintenance, insurance and other necessary chapter 11 expenses. The access of the Debtors to sufficient liquidity made available through the incurrence of new indebtedness for borrowed money is vital to the preservation and maintenance of the going concern value of the Debtors and to a successful reorganization of the Debtors.
- 35. In the absence of sufficient funds to support the Debtors' ongoing operations, the value of the Debtors' assets and operations will dissipate, jeopardizing their ability to maximize value to the detriment of the Debtors' estates, creditors and all parties in interest.
- 36. Thus, the DIP Financing is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, creditors and all other stakeholders and, therefore, should be approved by this Court.

I. The Proposed DIP Financing Should be Approved Pursuant to Sections 364(c) 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code

37. Section 364(c) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, among other things, that if a debtor is unable to obtain unsecured credit allowable as an administrative expense under section 503(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Court may authorize the debtor to obtain credit or incur debt (a) with priority over any and all administrative expenses specified in section 503(b) or 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, (b) secured by a lien on property of the estate that is not otherwise subject to a lien, or (c) secured by a junior lien on property of the estate that is subject to a lien. 11 U.S.C.

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§ 364(c). The Debtors propose to obtain the DIP Financing by providing the DIP Lender, *inter alia*, the DIP Liens and the DIP Superpriority Claims pursuant to sections 364(c)(1)–(2) and 364(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 38. In seeking to obtain post-petition financing under section 364(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors have the burden of demonstrating that:
 - i. They are unable to obtain unsecured credit pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 364(b), *i.e.*, by allowing a lender only an administrative expense claim pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(A);
 - ii. The credit transaction is necessary to preserve the assets of the estate; and
 - iii. The terms of the transaction are fair, reasonable, and adequate, given the circumstances of the debtor-borrower and the proposed lender.

In re Los Angeles Dodgers, LLC, 457 Bankr. 308, 312-13 (Bkrtcy. D. Del. 2011). See also In re Ames Dept. Stores, 115 Bankr. 34 (Bkrtcy S.D.N.Y. 1990). Further, section 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that the court, after notice and a hearing, may authorize the obtaining of credit or the incurring of debt secured by a senior lien on property of the estate only if the debtor is unable to obtain such credit otherwise and there is adequate protection of the interest of the holder of the lien on the property of the estate on which such senior or equal lien is proposed to be granted. 11 U.S.C. § 364(d). The Debtors submit that the interests of Berkshire, the State of Vermont Department of Taxes, and the Prepetition Subordinated Obligations are adequately protected by the value of the Debtors' Real Property and Personal Property and the continued maintenance of these assets that will be facilitated by the DIP Financing. Absent the DIP Financing the Debtors will not have adequate funds to maintain its Real Property and Personal

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Property thereby diminishing the value of these assets.

39. For the reasons set forth herein, the Debtors submit that they have satisfied the standards required to access postpetition financing under section 364(c) and 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code.

A. The Debtors were Unable to Obtain DIP Financing on More Favorable Terms

- 40. The Court may not approve a credit transaction under section 364(c) unless the debtor demonstrates that it has attempted, but failed, to obtain unsecured credit under section 364(a) or (b). *In re Photo Promotion Associates, Inc., 89* Bankr. 328, 332 (S.D.N.Y. 1988); *In re Ames Dep't Stores, Inc.*, 115 Bankr. 34, 37 (Bkrtcy. S.D.N.Y. 1990). To satisfy the requirements of section 364(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, a debtor need only demonstrate "by a good faith effort that credit was not available" to the debtor on an unsecured or administrative expense basis. *In re Snowshoe Co.*, 789 F.2d 1085, 1088 (4th Cir. 1986). The statute does not impose a duty to seek credit from "every possible lender before concluding that such credit is unavailable." *See In re Reading Tube Indus.*, 72 Bankr.. 329, 332 (Bkrtcy. E.D. Pa. 1987) (citing *In re Snowshoe Co.*, 789 F.2d at 1088).
- 41. The Debtors have been unable to procure any financing in the form of unsecured credit allowable as an administrative expense claim under section 503(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors face severe liquidity constraints, and were forced to file these Chapter 11 Cases in order to preserve the value of their assets for the benefit of their creditors, and other parties in interest.
- 42. As explained above, the Debtors sought proposals for alternative financing. The DIP Financing, provides for the funds required by the Debtors to fund the Debtors' Chapter 11 expenses, allows for maintenance work that is critical for the winter season, contains a six month

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term, and is otherwise fair, reasonable and balanced.

- 43. Unless the Debtors are able to immediately access postpetition financing on a secured basis through the DIP Financing, the Debtors will not be able to pay employees, insurance, maintenance costs, and other necessary and critical expenses necessary to maintain and maximize the value of the Debtors' assets. Indeed, absent the DIP Financing, the Debtors would not be afforded the opportunity to reorganize under Chapter 11 which would irretrievably damage the value of the Debtors' assets. By contrast, approval of the DIP Financing will allow the Debtors to maintain the Resort property and allow the Debtors sufficient time to maintain and maximize the value of their assets, instill confidence in the Resort members and permit the Debtors the opportunity to proceed expeditiously to confirmation of a feasible chapter 11 plan within an aggressive timetable.
- 44. As it stands, the DIP Lender has provided the Debtors with the most favorable and flexible post-petition financing terms that the Debtors have been able to procure. The Debtors submit that their efforts to obtain sufficient postpetition financing on the most favorable terms available satisfies the standard required under section 364(c) and 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code.

B. The DIP Financing is Necessary to Preserve the Debtors' Assets and Going Concern Value

45. As debtors-in-possession, the Debtors have a fiduciary duty to protect and maximize their estates' assets. See Wolf v. Weinstein 372 U.S. 633, 649, 83 S. Ct 969 (1963); In re Battinelli, 169 Bankr. 522 (Bkrtcy. E.D.N.Y. 1994) In re Mushroom Transp. Co., 382 F.3d 325, 339 (3d Cir. 2004). As noted above, without the DIP Financing, there is a significant risk that the Debtors would be forced to liquidate their assets. In re Ames Dept. Stores, 115 Bankr.. at 38 (with respect to postpetition credit, courts "permit debtors-in-possession to exercise their basic

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business judgment consistent with their fiduciary duties").

46. As explained herein, the Debtors require access to funds in the form of postpetition financing to enable it to maintain the Resort, meet their chapter 11-related obligations, and reorganize their estates. Accordingly, the DIP Financing is necessary to preserve the Debtors' assets and the going concern value of the Company.

C. The Terms of the DIP Financing are Fair, Reasonable, and Appropriate Under the Circumstances

- 47. The DIP Financing was negotiated in good faith and at arm's length between the Debtors and the DIP Lender, resulting in an agreement designed to permit the Debtors to continue to operate, satisfy all of their post-petition obligations, and maximize the value of their assets through an orderly sale process. *See, e.g., In re Snowshoe Co.*, 789 F.2d at 1088 (stating that section 364 of the Bankruptcy Code imposes no duty to seek credit from every possible lender, particularly when "time is of the essence to preserve a vulnerable seasonal enterprise"); *In re Western Pacific Airlines, Inc.*, 223 Bankr. 567, 573 (Bnkrtcy. D. Colo. 1997) (authorizing postpetition financing to preserve value of aircraft leaseholds where to hold otherwise would result in the elimination of value and the "immediate collapse of the Debtor as a going concern").
- 48. Accordingly, and as set forth in more detail herein, the Debtors submit that the terms and conditions of the proposed DIP Financing are fair, reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances.

D. Entry Into the DIP Loan Agreement Constitutes a Sound Exercise of the Debtors' Business Judgment

49. Provided that an agreement to obtain secured credit does not run afoul of the provisions of, and policies underlying, the Bankruptcy Code, courts grant a debtor considerable

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deference in acting in accordance with its sound business judgment in obtaining such credit. See, e.g., In re Trans World Airlines, Inc., 163 Bankr. 964, 974 (Bkrtcy. D. Del. 1994) (approving postpetition loan and receivables facility because such facility "reflect[ed] sound and prudent business judgment."); Ames Dep't Stores, 115 B.R. at 40 ("[c]ases consistently reflect that the court's discretion under section 364 [of the Bankruptcy Code] is to be utilized on grounds that permit [a debtor's] reasonable business judgment to be exercised so long as the financing agreement does not contain terms that leverage the bankruptcy process and powers or its purpose is not so much to benefit the estate as it is to benefit a party-in-interest.");

- 50. Bankruptcy courts consistently defer to a debtor's business judgment onbusiness operations g decisions, including a debtor's decision to borrow money. *See, e.g., In re AMR Corp.*, 485 Bankr.. 279, 287 (Bkrtcy. S.D.N.Y. 2013) ("[i]n determining whether to approve a debtor's request under Section 364, a Court must examine whether the relief requested is an appropriate exercise of the debtor's business judgment); "M]ore exacting scrutiny [of the debtors' business decisions] would slow the administration of the debtor's estate and increase its cost, interfere with the Bankruptcy Code's provision for private control of administration of the estate, and threaten the court's ability to control a case impartially." *Richmond Leasing Co. v. Capital Bank, N.A.*, 762 F.2d 1303, 1311 (5th Cir. 1985).
- 51. The Debtors believe that the proposed terms of the DIP Financing as set forth in the DIP Credit Commitment are the best available to the Debtors and are reasonable under the circumstances. The Debtors further believe that entry into the DIP Financing represents a sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment because the funds provided by the DIP Financing are essential to enable the Debtors to reorganize their estates, and satisfy all of their chapter 11-related obligations. The Debtors respectfully submit that because the circumstances of these Chapter 11

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Cases require the Debtors to obtain financing under section 364(c) and 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, their entry into the DIP Credit Facility, and approval of the DIP Financing reflects a sound exercise of their sound business judgment and is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates as a whole when compared with the alternatives.

52. The collateral securing the Prepetition Obligations to Berkshire, the Tax Liens, and the Prepetition Subordinated Obligations was recently appraised by the Debtors at \$50 million, and by Berkshire's valuation professional at approximately \$53 million, in the fall of 2018 significantly greater than the amount owed under the Berkshire Loan Facility, the State of Vermont Department of Taxes and to the Prepetition Subordinated Obligations.³ This equity cushion is more than sufficient to constitute adequate protection. "It is well-settled that the existence of an equity cushion can be sufficient, in and of itself, to constitute adequate protection" In re AMR Corp. 490 Bankr. 470, 478 (S.D.N.Y. 2013); See, e.g., In re James River Assocs., 148 Banrk. 790, 796 (E.D. Va. 1992) In sum, the adequate protection offered by the Debtors to the prepetition secured creditors is fair, reasonable and sufficient to protect against the diminution of their collateral position. Accordingly, the Debtors respectfully submit that the use of Cash Collateral on the terms set forth in the proposed DIP Order provides Berkshire, the Vermont Department of Taxes, and the Prepetition Subordinated Obligations with adequate protection and is in the best interest of the Debtors, the Debtors' estates, their creditors and all parties in interest, and, therefore should be authorized by this Court.

II. Interim Approval of the DIP Financing Should Be Granted

53. Bankruptcy Rules 4001(b)(2) and (c)(2) provide that a final hearing on a

³ A copy of the appraisal obtained by the Debtors is available on request.

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motion for authorization to obtain credit may not be commenced earlier than 14 days after service of such motion. The Court, however, is authorized to conduct an expedited hearing prior to the expiration of such 14-day period and to authorize the obtaining of credit where, as here, such relief is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm to a debtor's estate, pending a final hearing.

54. The failure to obtain interim approval of the DIP Financing on an expedited basis is likely to lead to immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtors' estates because the Debtors have an immediate need for cash, and a need to quickly instill confidence in their employees, their members, prospective members, trade vendors, and service providers, that the Debtors will have access to sufficient working capital and liquidity for their operations during these Chapter 11 Cases. That confidence will help to preserve and maintain the going-concern value of the Company. Accordingly, the Debtors seek immediate entry of the Interim DIP Order to prevent immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtors' estates pending the Final Hearing pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 4001(b)(2) and (c)(2).

III. Request for a Final Hearing

- 55. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(2), the Debtors request that the Court set a date for the Final Hearing as soon as practicable, and fix in the Interim DIP Order a date and time prior to the Final Hearing for parties to file objections to approval of the Motion on a final basis and entry of a Final DIP Order.
- 56. No previous motion for the relief sought herein has been made to this or to any other court.

Notice

57. Notice of this Motion shall be given to (i) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Connecticut, 150 Court Street, Suite 305, New Haven, CT 06510; (ii) Halloran

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& Sage, One Goodwin Square, 225 Asylum Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06103, Attn. Craig I. Lifland, Esq., attorneys for the DIP Lender; (iii) the Internal Revenue Service, 2970 Market Street, Mail Stop 5-Q30.133, Philadelphia, PA 19104-5016; (iv) the Vermont Department of Taxes, 133 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05633 (v) Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP., 28 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109, Attn: Paul F. O'Donnell III, Esq., counsel for Berkshire Bank; (vi) the holders of Prepetition Subordinated Obligations, and (vii) each of the Debtor's twenty largest unsecured creditors. In light of the nature of the relief requested herein, the Debtors respectfully submit that no other or further notice is required.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request entry of the Interim DIP Order, substantially in the form submitted herewith, (a) authorizing the Debtors to obtain the DIP Financing from the DIP Lender pursuant to the DIP Loan Agreement, (b) setting the Final Hearing on the Motion, and (c) granting the Debtors such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: May 29, 2019

New Haven, Connecticut

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DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION LOAN AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION LOAN AND SECURITY AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made this ___ day of ______, 2019, by and among HERMITAGE INN REAL ESTATE HOLDING COMPANY LLC, a Connecticut limited liability company ("HIREHCO"), HERMITAGE CLUB LLC, a Connecticut limited liability company (the "Club"; together with HIREHCO, collectively, jointly and severally, the "Borrowers" and each individually a "Borrower"), each having an address at 145 Deercliff Road, Avon, Connecticut 06001, and RESTRUCTURED OPPORTUNITY INVESTORS, INC., a Connecticut corporation having an address at 11 Scovill Street, P.O. Box 2763, Waterbury, Connecticut 06723-2763 or its designee ("Lender").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Borrowers have each filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut (the "Bankruptcy Court");

WHEREAS, Borrowers have requested that Lender provide to Borrowers a debtor-inpossession line of credit secured by a first-priority lien on the Properties and the Collateral in the manner set forth herein and in the Orders and Lender is willing to make said line of credit to Borrowers on the terms and conditions and in reliance upon the representations and warranties of Borrowers hereinafter set forth:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and in further consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Security Interest.

- (a) Each Borrower hereby grants to the Lender a first-priority lien on and security interest in, pursuant to Sections 364(c)(2), 364(c)(3) and 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, all of such Borrower's present and future right, title and interest in and to any and all of its assets and personal property (the "Collateral"), including without limitation, the following property, whether now existing or hereafter created:
- (i) All Inventory and Goods (as such capitalized terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in Connecticut, as may be amended from time to time) of the Borrower, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, including but not limited to, all goods, merchandise, raw materials, work in process, finished goods and products and all other tangible personal property whether now owned or hereafter acquired by the Borrower and held for sale or lease or furnished or to be furnished under contracts of service or used or consumed in the Borrower's businesses;
- (ii) All Accounts and all Supporting Obligations related thereto (as such capitalized terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in Connecticut, as may be amended from time to time) of the Borrower, whether now existing or hereafter arising,

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including without limitation, all accounts receivable, health-care-insurance receivables, notes, drafts, acceptances or other forms of obligations and receivables, whether now or hereafter received by or belonging to the Borrower, for inventory sold or for services rendered, and all rights to payments under contracts, whether or not earned by performance, together with all guarantees and security therefor, all accounts arising or to arise therefrom, and all proceeds thereof (whether cash proceeds or otherwise), and including, without limitation, all rights of Borrower in and to the goods represented thereby including reclaimed, returned or repossessed goods, and all rights Borrower may have or acquire for securing or enforcing the foregoing, including without limitation, the rights to reserves, deposits, income tax refunds, choses in action, judgments, insurance proceeds and all other rights of the Borrower to receive payments;

- (iii) All Instruments, including Promissory Notes, Documents and Chattel Paper, whether tangible or electronic, and all Supporting Obligations related thereto (as such capitalized terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in Connecticut, as may be amended from time to time) of Borrower, whether now existing or hereafter arising, including without limitation, all documents of title, policies and certificates of insurance, securities, deposits, cash or other property owned by Borrower or in which it has an interest, including but not limited to, all property allocable to unshipped orders and merchandise returned by or reclaimed by or repossessed from customers, all rights of stoppage in transit, replevin, repossession and reclamation and all other rights of an unpaid vendor or lienor;
- (iv) All Deposit Accounts, Letter of Credit Rights and all Supporting Obligations related thereto (as such capitalized terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in Connecticut, as may be amended from time to time) of the Borrower, whether now existing or hereafter arising, together with the rights to withdraw from said Deposit Accounts and make deposits to the same and the right to draw under Letters of Credit (as defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in Connecticut, as may be amended from time to time);
- (v) All Equipment, Farm Products and Fixtures (as such capitalized terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in Connecticut, as may be amended from time to time) of the Borrower, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, including without limitation, all machinery and personal property (whether tangible or intangible) and all additions and accessions thereto and substitutions and replacements therefor, including without limitation, all tools, dies, molds and similar assets, furniture and furnishings;
- (vi) All General Intangibles, including Payment Intangibles and Software, and all Supporting Obligations related thereto (as such capitalized terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in Connecticut, as may be amended from time to time) of Borrower, whether now existing or hereafter arising or acquired, including but not limited to, rights to reserves, deposits, tax refunds, choses in action, judgments, patents, patent applications, trademarks, trademark registrations and applications therefor, trade names, trade processes, trade secrets, copyrights, copyright registrations and applications therefor, licenses, franchises and corporate name and goodwill of Borrower's businesses, all insurance policies and cash values and proceeds thereof and all rights of Borrower to receive payment;

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- (vii) All Investment Property, including Certificated Securities, Uncertificated Securities, and Security Entitlements, and all Supporting Obligations related thereto (as such capitalized terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted in Connecticut, as may be amended from time to time) of whatever type or nature, including, without limitation, all security accounts, all commodity contracts, all commodity accounts and all financial assets of every type and nature and all rights thereto or therein and all financial accounts of every type and nature and all rights thereto or therein, and all proceeds and products thereof, including without limitation, all insurance proceeds and fidelity bond proceeds related thereto; and
- (viii) Proceeds (as such capitalized term is defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted in Connecticut, as may be amended from time to time) including without limitation, insurance proceeds and condemnation awards and products of all of the foregoing property described in (i) through (vii) hereof, whether such Proceeds take the form of Accounts, Inventory, Instruments, Documents, Chattel Paper, Investment Property, General Intangibles, Equipment, Farm Products or Fixtures, or otherwise.
- Obligations Secured. The grant of the security interest herein by each Borrower to the Lender shall secure the payment and performance of all liabilities and obligations now or hereafter owing from any Borrower or Borrowers to the Lender of whatever kind or nature, whether or not currently contemplated at the time of this Agreement, whether such obligations be direct or indirect, absolute or contingent or due or to become due, including without limitation, (i) all obligations of Borrowers, absolute or contingent, for the Loan, together with interest thereon, and all reasonable costs of collection in connection therewith and all other fees and charges which may at any time be due and payable, as provided for in this Agreement, the agreements, instruments and documents required to be executed and delivered by Borrowers to Lender pursuant to the terms hereof and executed by Borrowers, the amount due on any notes of Borrowers given to, received by or held by Lender for or on account of the Loan; and (ii) all obligations of Borrowers, actual or contingent, in respect of Letters of Credit or banker's acceptances issued by the Lender for the account of or guaranteed by the Borrowers (the "Obligations", which term shall include all accrued interest and all reasonable costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, costs and expenses relating to the appraisal and/or valuation of assets and all costs and expenses incurred or paid by the Lender in exercising, preserving, defending, collecting, administering, enforcing or protecting any of its rights under the Obligations or hereunder or with respect to the Collateral or in any litigation arising out of the transactions evidenced by the Obligations). Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuance thereof, the Lender shall have the unrestricted right from time to time to apply (or to change any application already made) the proceeds of any of the Collateral to any Obligations, as the Lender, in its sole discretion, may determine.
- (c) <u>Security Interest and License re Intangibles</u>. Each Borrower hereby grants to the Lender a security interest in and a non-exclusive license and right to use any and all patents, copyrights, tradenames, trademarks and all applications therefor, and licenses to any patent, copyright, tradename or trademark that such Borrower now owns, has the right to use or may hereafter own or acquire the right to use. The Lender 's security interest and non-exclusive license, as set forth in this subparagraph, shall specifically include all rights of any Borrower

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which may be necessary in order for the Lender to exercise or get the full benefit and value from the security interest set forth in this Agreement.

- (d) <u>Superpriority Administrative Expense Claim</u>. Subject to the Carve-Out, the Lender shall have, with respect to the Obligations, a superpriority administrative expense claim pursuant to Section 364(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code having priority over any and all administrative expenses, whether heretofore or hereinafter incurred, of any kind or nature specified in sections 503(b) and 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. <u>Definitions</u>. As used herein the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Accounts" shall have the meaning set forth in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of Connecticut, but including, without limitation, any right to payment held by any Borrower, whether in the form of accounts receivable, notes, drafts, acceptances or other forms of obligations and receivables now or hereafter received by or belonging to any Borrower for Inventory sold or leased by it or for services rendered by it whether or not earned by performance, together with all Supporting Obligations, guarantees and security therefor and all proceeds thereof, whether cash proceeds or otherwise, including, but not limited to, all right, title and interest of any Borrower in the Inventory which gave rise to any such Accounts, including, but not limited to, the right of stoppage in transit and all returned, rejected, rerouted or repossessed Inventory.

"Account Debtor" means any Person who is or may become obligated to a Borrower.

"Advance" means an advance of proceeds of the Loan.

"Affiliate" means any Person (i) that, directly or indirectly, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, any Borrower; (ii) that is a member, director, manager, or officer of any Borrower or of any Person that, directly or indirectly, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, any Borrower, together with, heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns; and (iii) any trust of which any of the foregoing Persons is a settlor, trustee, or beneficiary. For the purposes of this definition, the term "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise.

"Anti-Terrorism Laws" means any laws relating to terrorism or money laundering, including Executive Order No. 13224, the USA Patriot Act, the Laws comprising or implementing the Bank Secrecy Act, and the Law administered by the United States Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Asset Control (as any of the foregoing Laws may from time to time be amended, renewed, extended, or replaced).

"Article 9" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10 hereof.

"Bankruptcy Code" shall mean the United States Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. Sec. 101 et seq.), as amended, and any successor statute.

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- "Bankruptcy Court" shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals hereto.
- "Blocked Person" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(r) hereof.
- "Budget" means the budget of Borrowers as approved by the Lender and the Bankruptcy Court.
- "Business Day" any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday on which Lender is not open for business, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Following Business Day Convention.
- "Capital Leases" means leases under which any obligor is the lessee or obligor, the discounted future rental payment obligations under which are required to be capitalized on the balance sheet of the lessee or obligor in accordance with GAAP; and leases of goods or other property, whether real or personal, which is treated as an operating lease under GAAP and as a loan or financing for United States income tax purposes.
 - "Carve-Out" shall have the meaning set forth in the Interim Order.
- "Chapter 11 Case" shall mean, collectively, the cases under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code commenced by the Borrowers and pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut.
- "Charter Documents" means, for any entity, the documents pursuant to which such entity has been formed and by which it is governed, including, in the case of a corporation, its certificate of incorporation and its bylaws; in the case of a partnership, its agreement of partnership and certificate of limited partnership, if applicable; in the case of a limited liability company, its certificate or articles of organization and operating agreement; and in the case of a trust, its declaration of trust.
- "Chattel Paper" shall have the meaning set forth in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of Connecticut.
 - "Closing" means the closing of the Loan in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
 - "Closing Date" means the date on which Closing occurs.
 - "Collateral" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1 hereof.
- "Commercial Tort Claims" shall mean all Commercial Tort Claims as that term is defined in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in Connecticut from time to time.
 - "Commitment" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4 hereof.
 - "Commitment Fee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4(g) hereof.

"Distribution" means the declaration or payment of any dividend on or in respect of any shares of any class of membership or other equity interest of any Borrower; the purchase, redemption, or other retirement of any shares of any class of membership or other equity interests of any Borrower (or rights, warrants or options exercisable or convertible into such membership or other equity interests), directly or indirectly through a Subsidiary of any Borrower or otherwise; the return of capital by any Borrower to its members, as such; or any other distribution on or in respect of any shares of any class of membership or other equity interests of any Borrower.

"Drawdown Date" means, with respect to any Advance, the date on which any such Advance is made or is to be made.

"Equipment" shall have the meaning set forth in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of Connecticut.

"ERISA" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(m) hereof.

"Event of Default" shall mean the existence of a state of facts which constitute a default under the provisions of Section 12 of this Agreement.

"Exit Fee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4(g)(2) hereof.

"Filing Date" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6(n)(i) hereof.

"Final Order" shall mean the final order of the Bankruptcy Court, in form acceptable to Lender, in its sole discretion, approving of this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and the funding of the full Loan amount, as such order may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time with the express written consent of the Lender and the approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

"Following Business Day Convention" shall mean the convention for adjusting any relevant date if it would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business Day, and provides that, in such event, such date shall be adjusted to the first following day that is a Business Day, except that if such following day shall be a day in the following month, such date shall be adjusted to the immediately preceding Business Day.

"Funds" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5(a) hereof.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America as in effect from time to time.

"General Intangibles" shall have the meaning set forth in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of Connecticut, including without limitation, Payment Intangibles, as defined in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code in effect in Connecticut from time to time, but excluding Accounts, Chattel Paper and Instruments.

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"Governmental Authority" shall mean any court, board, agency, commission, office or authority of any nature whatsoever or any governmental unit (federal, state, commonwealth, county, district, municipal, city or otherwise) whether now or hereafter in existence.

"Indebtedness" as applied to a Borrower, means, without duplication:

- (i) all obligations for money loaned,
- (ii) all obligations secured by any Lien on the real or personal property of Borrower, including without limitation Purchase-Money Obligations,
- (iii) all obligations which are evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other loan instruments,
 - (iv) Capital Lease obligations,
 - (v) all obligations of other Persons which Borrower has guaranteed,
- (vi) all reimbursement obligations in connection with letters of credit or letter of credit guaranties issued for the account of Borrower,
 - (vi) the Obligations, and
 - (vii) Subordinated Debt.

"Instruments" shall have the meaning set forth in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of Connecticut, or any other writing which evidences a right to the payment of money and is not itself a security agreement or lease and is of a type which, in the ordinary course of business, is transferred by delivery with any necessary endorsement or assignment, whether now or hereafter held by any Borrower.

"Interest Reserve Escrow Account" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5 hereof.

"Interest Reserve Funds" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5 hereof.

"Interim Financing Amount" means the initial Advance of Loan proceeds in the amount of \$

"Interim Order" shall mean the interim order of the Bankruptcy Court, in form acceptable to Lender, in its sole discretion, approving of this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and the funding of the Interim Financing Amount, as such order may be amended, modified or

[&]quot;Indemnifiable Liabilities" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 16 hereof.

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supplemented from time to time with the express written consent of the Lender and the approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

"Inventory" shall have the meaning set forth in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of Connecticut.

"Letters of Credit" shall have the meaning set forth in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of Connecticut.

"Lien" means any lien, charge, deed of trust, mortgage, security interest, tax lien, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, preference, priority, other charge or encumbrance, or any other type of preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever by or with any Person (including, without limitation, any conditional sale or title retention agreement), whether arising by contract, operation of law, or otherwise.

"Loan" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4 hereof.

"Loan Documents" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 13 hereof.

"Maturity Date" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4(f) hereof.

"Mortgage" means that certain Mortgage Deed, Assignment of Rents and Leases, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing granted contemporaneously herewith by HIREHCO to Lender, encumbering the Properties as a first-priority mortgage lien.

"Note" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4(a) hereof.

"Obligations" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1(b) hereof.

"Orders" shall mean, collectively, the Interim Order and the Final Order.

"OSHA" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(m) hereof.

"Permitted Exceptions" shall have the meaning set forth in the Mortgage.

"Permitted Indebtedness" shall mean the Indebtedness set forth in $\underline{\text{Exhibit D}}$ attached hereto and incorporated herein.

"Permitted Liens" shall mean those Liens set forth on <u>Exhibit B</u> attached hereto and incorporated herein, which are subject and subordinate to the security interests and liens created by this Agreement and the other Loan Documents in all respects.

"Person" shall mean a natural person, a corporation, a partnership, a limited liability company or any other entity.

"Plan" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6(n)(v) hereof.

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"Prime Rate" shall mean the highest interest rate published in the "Money Rates" section of the Wall Street Journal, Eastern Edition (the "Journal" or the "WSJ") and shown as the "Prime Rate." If more than one "Prime Rate" is published in the "Money Rates" section, the highest rate will be the Prime Rate for purposes of this Agreement. The Prime Rate is not necessarily the lowest or best rate at which the Lender loans money. In the event the Prime Rate is unavailable for any reason then the Lender will substitute a comparable rate therefor. The selection of the comparable rate shall be made in Lender's sole discretion. Any change in the Prime Rate shall become effective immediately upon any change in the Prime Rate, and such changed interest rate shall be effective without notice from Lender.

"Properties" shall mean, collectively, the premises commonly known as 259 Route 100, Dover, Vermont, 34 Look Road, Wilmington, Vermont, 183 Gatehouse Drive, Wilmington, Vermont, and being more particularly described in the Mortgage.

"Purchase-Money Obligations" shall have the meaning set forth in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of Connecticut.

"Resort" shall mean the four-season private members only ski and golf club located at the Properties.

"Structuring Fee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4(g) hereof.

"Subordinated Debt" means any Indebtedness incurred by any Borrower with the consent of Lender which is subordinated to the Obligations (including loans made by the members of any Borrower) pursuant to a subordination agreement in form and substance satisfactory to Lender.

"Subsidiary" shall mean a corporation, limited liability company or other entity of which fifty percent (50%) or more of the outstanding equity having voting power to control the management of such corporation, limited liability company or other entity (whether or not at the time the holders of any other class or classes of securities of such entity shall or might have such voting power by reason of the happening of any contingency) is at any time directly or indirectly owned by any Borrower.

"USA Patriot Act" shall mean The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001, Public Law 107-56, as the same has been, or shall hereafter be, renewed, extended, amended or replaced.

- 3. <u>Representations and Warranties.</u> Borrowers represent and warrant to Lender that, except as disclosed to Lender in writing:
- (a) Each Borrower is a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and legally existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut and in good standing in every jurisdiction in which the property owned, leased or operated by it or the nature of the business conducted by it makes such qualification necessary. Each Borrower has the requisite power, authority, permits, consents, authorizations and licenses necessary to carry on its business, has

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the requisite power and authority to own and operate the Properties, and has the requisite power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party; all consents necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party have been duly adopted or obtained and are in full force and effect; and this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party have been duly executed and delivered by each Borrower, and constitute valid and binding obligations of each Borrower.

- (b) The execution, delivery and performance by each Borrower of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which any Borrower is a party are (i) within the powers of such Borrower, having been duly authorized by all necessary action, enforceable against such Borrower in accordance with their respective terms, (ii) do not contravene or constitute a default under or violation of any applicable Charter Document or any other material agreement (or require the consent of any Person under any agreement that has not been obtained and delivered to the Lender in writing) to which such Borrower is a party or by which such Borrower or any of its properties are bound, and (iii) do not and will not result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any asset of such Borrower, except the Lien securing the Loan Documents.
- (c) Subject to the Orders, no authorization, consent, approval, license, exemption of or filing or registration with any court or governmental department, commission, board, bureau, agency or instrumentality, domestic or foreign, is or will be necessary to the valid execution, delivery or performance by Borrowers of this Agreement, the note evidencing the Loan or any other Loan Documents to which any Borrower is a party.
- Borrowers and their direct and indirect business operations which are required to be filed. Except with respect to Permitted Exceptions, Borrowers have paid or caused to be paid to the respective taxing authorities all taxes as shown on such returns or on any assessments received by them to the extent that such taxes have become due with the exception of Vermont sales and use tax identified in Borrowers' liabilities. Borrowers know of no proposed material tax assessment against any Borrower, and no Borrower is obligated by any other agreement, tax treaty, instrument or otherwise to contribute to the payment of taxes owed by any other person or entity. All material tax liabilities are adequately provided for or reserved against on the books of the Borrowers.
- (e) Each Borrower is the legal and beneficial owner of the Collateral and upon the execution of the Loan Documents and entry of the Orders, the Lender shall hold a valid, perfected and continuing first-priority Lien in the Collateral as secured for the Obligations, senior in priority to all Liens, including, without limitation, Permitted Liens. Except with respect to Permitted Liens, no effective financing statement or other instrument similar in effect cover all or any portion of the Collateral is on file in any recording office other than those in favor of Lender.
- (f) The Collateral, the records relating thereto and the place of business and chief executive office of each Borrower are located at the addresses set forth in Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein.

- (g) Subject to any limitations stated therein or in connection therewith, all information furnished or to be furnished by Borrowers pursuant to the terms hereof, when taken as a whole, will not, at the time the same is furnished, contain any untrue statement of a material fact and will not omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the information so furnished, in the light of the circumstances under which such information is furnished, not misleading.
 - (h) [Intentionally Omitted].
 - (i) [Intentionally Omitted].
- (j) To the best of Borrowers' knowledge, each Borrower is in material compliance with all laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations, applicable to it, of all federal, state or local governments or any instrumentality or agency thereof, including, but not limited to, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA"), the United States Occupational Safety and Health Act ("OSHA") and all federal, state and municipal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations relating to the environment.
- (k) Except for the Chapter 11 Case, there is no pending, or to Borrowers' knowledge, threatened action or proceeding or investigation, injunction, writ or order affecting any Borrower before or by any court, Governmental Authority or arbitrator which purports to affect the legality, validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any other Loan Document.
- (l) No Borrower has invested in the stock, common or preferred, of any other corporation, or in any equity of any other entity, and there are no fixed, contingent or other obligations on the part of any Borrower to issue any additional membership interests.
- (m) No Borrower owns any Subsidiaries, except that the Club and Deerfield Inn, LLC are each a Subsidiary of HIREHCO, and Hermitage Deerfield Valley Real Estate LLC is 50% owned by HIREHCO.
- (n) Except as set forth in the Orders, no investment banking, brokerage, finders' or similar fees are payable to any Person (other than Lender under the Loan Documents) in connection with the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.
- (o) Each Borrower possesses all the trademarks, trade names, copyrights, patents, licenses and governmental permits, licenses, orders and approvals, or rights in any thereof, adequate for the conduct of its businesses as now conducted and presently proposed to be conducted, without conflict of the rights or claimed rights of others, and no action or filing with or consent by, any Person or any governmental or public body or authority, is required to authorize or is otherwise required in connection with the conduct of such Borrower's business as now and presently proposed to be conducted.
- (p) Each Borrower conducts its businesses solely in its own name without the use of any trade names or the intervention of or through any other entity of any kind.

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- (q) To the best knowledge of Borrowers, no Borrower is in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law nor engages in or conspires to engage in any transaction that evades or avoids, or has the purpose of evading or avoiding, or attempts to violate, any of the prohibitions set forth in any Anti-Terrorism Law.
- (r) To the best knowledge of Borrowers, no Borrower is any of the following (each a "Blocked Person"):
 - (i) a Person that is listed in the annex to, or is otherwise subject to the provisions of, Executive Order No. 13224;
 - (ii) a Person owned or controlled by, or acting for or on behalf of, any Person that is listed in the annex to, or is otherwise subject to the provisions of, Executive Order No. 13224;
 - (iii) a Person with which Lender is prohibited from dealing or otherwise engaging in any transaction by any Anti-Terrorism Law;
 - (iv) a Person that commits, threatens or conspires to commit or supports "terrorism" as defined in Executive Order No. 13224; or
 - (v) a Person that is named as a "specially designated national" on the most current list published by the U.S. Treasury Department Office of Foreign Asset Control at its official website or any replacement website or other replacement official publication of such list.
- (s) To the best knowledge of Borrowers, no Borrower (i) conducts any business or engages in making or receiving any contribution of funds, goods or services to or for the benefit of any Blocked Person, or (ii) deals in, or otherwise engages in any transaction relating to, any property or interests in property blocked pursuant to Executive Order No. 13224.
- (t) To the best knowledge of Borrowers, no Borrower is a "Special Designated National" or "Blocked Person" as those terms are defined in the office of Foreign Asset Control Regulations (31 C.F.R. § 500 et seq.).
- (u) All licenses, permits and approvals which are reasonably required for the use and operation of the Properties have been duly and properly obtained.
- 4. Amount and Terms of the Loan. Pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and the Orders, and upon the satisfaction of the conditions precedent referred to in Section 13 hereof, Lender shall make certain line of credit loans to the Borrowers (collectively, the "Loan"), upon request, which in the aggregate do not exceed One Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) (the "Commitment"). Borrowers may not reborrow amounts advanced and repaid under the Loan. The Loan shall be made to Borrowers, and Borrowers shall borrow the Loan, on the following terms and conditions:
- (a) <u>Promissory Note</u>. The principal amount of the Loan shall be evidenced by Borrowers' promissory note, in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> annexed hereto and made a part hereof, in

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the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) (the "Note").

- (b) Advances. To request the funding of Advances under the Loan, the Borrowers shall deliver to the Lender by electronic mail (email) transmission, a request for advance specifying (i) the principal amount of such Advance, (ii) the proposed Drawdown Date of such Advance, (iii) a summary of the Budget line item for which such Advance is requested, and (iv) an additional information as Lender may request to verify the substance of the Advance request. Any request for an Advance must be received by Lender by 2:00 pm (Connecticut time) on the day that Borrowers make such request in order for Lender to fund the Advance on such day. Any request for an Advance made after 2:00 p.m. (Connecticut time) shall, at Lender's sole discretion, be treated as received on the next following Business Day. Each such request shall be irrevocable and binding on Borrowers and shall obligate Borrowers to accept the Advance requested from the Lender on the proposed Drawdown Date. In no event shall Lender have any obligation to make an Advance which would cause the aggregate outstanding principal balance of the Loan to exceed the Commitment.
- (c) <u>Interest Rate</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein or in the Note, the outstanding principal balance of the Loan shall bear interest at a floating rate per annum equal to the Prime Rate, plus five and one-half percent (5.5%); provided, however, that the rate of interest charged hereunder shall never exceed the maximum amount, if any, allowable by law. Interest shall be charged on the principal balance outstanding from time to time on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed computed on the basis of a three hundred sixty (360) day year.
- (d) <u>Payments.</u> Borrowers shall repay the Loan as follows: Commencing on [INSERT MONTH FOLLOWING CLOSING] 1, 2019, and continuing on the first (1st) day of each calendar month to occur thereafter, both before and after maturity by acceleration or otherwise, until the Note is fully paid, Borrowers shall be required to make monthly payments of accrued interest on the outstanding principal balance of the Loan. All outstanding principal and accrued and unpaid interest on the Loan, and all other sums and charges due the Lender in respect of the Loan, unless sooner paid, shall be due and payable on the Maturity Date.
- (e) <u>Prepayment.</u> Borrowers shall have the right to prepay at any time in advance of the Maturity Date all or any portion of the principal indebtedness of the Loan, together with accrued interest on the principal so prepaid to the date of such prepayment, <u>provided</u>, that Lender has collected a minimum of twelve (12) months interest on the Loan, and <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that in the event of a prepayment in full of the Loan, Borrowers shall have paid to Lender the Exit Fee contemporaneously with such prepayment.
- (f) Term. The provisions of this Section 4 shall continue in effect until the earliest to occur of (i) [INSERT DATE THAT IS 6 MONTHS FROM CLOSING], or (ii) the entry of a final order by the Bankruptcy Court confirming the Plan (the "Maturity Date"), provided, however, that Lender may terminate the provisions of this Section 4 at any time upon the happening of an Event of Default hereunder. No such termination shall (i) in any way affect or impair the security interest granted to Lender hereunder or any other rights of Lender hereunder or under any other agreements, instruments or documents required to be executed and delivered to Lender pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, arising prior to any such

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termination or by reason thereof, (ii) relieve Borrowers of any obligation to Lender under this Agreement, any such other agreement, instrument or document, or otherwise, until all the Obligations are fully paid and performed, or (iii) affect any right or remedy of Lender, hereunder or under any, such other agreement, instrument or document.

- (g) <u>Fees</u>. The Borrowers shall pay to Lender the following fees:
- (1) A commitment fee equal to \$52,500.00 (the "Commitment Fee"), which shall be fully earned as of the Closing Date and shall be due and payable in full on the Closing Date.
- (2) A structuring fee equal to \$50,000 (the "Structuring Fee"), which shall be fully earned as of the Closing Date and shall be due and payable in full on the Closing Date.
- (3) An exit fee (the "Exit Fee") equal to \$52,500, which Exit Fee shall be fully earned as of the Closing Date and shall be due and payable in full on the earlier to occur of (i) a prepayment in full of the Loan, (ii) the Maturity Date, or (iii) an Event of Default and acceleration of the Loan.
- (h) <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. The proceeds of the Loan shall be used exclusively to fund (i) the initial deposit of \$280,000 into the Interest Reserve Escrow Account, (ii) costs associated with the closing of the Loan, including without limitation the legal fees of the Lender, (iii) legal fees of the Lender in connection with the Chapter 11 Case, (iv) payment of the Commitment Fee and the Structuring Fee, and (v) payment of operating expenses for the Properties in accordance with the Budget.
- 5. <u>Interest Reserve.</u> On or before the Closing Date, Borrowers shall have established with Lender a deposit account (the "<u>Interest Reserve Escrow Account</u>"). On the Closing Date, Lender shall advance proceeds of the Loan in the amount of \$280,000 (the "<u>Interest Reserve Funds</u>") into the Interest Reserve Escrow Account. Subject to the limitations set forth in this <u>Section 5</u> and availability of Funds, Lender shall disburse and charge the Interest Reserve Escrow Account for interest due under the Loan on each date such interest payments become due. Borrowers shall from time to time deposit such additional amounts into the Interest Reserve Escrow Account as required pursuant to <u>Section 6(n)(iv)</u> below. The Interest Reserve Escrow Account shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:
- (a) All interest earnings and other returns on the Interest Reserve Funds and any additional amounts deposited by Borrowers pursuant to Section 6(n)(iv) hereof (collectively, the "Funds") shall be payable for the account of Borrowers and added to the Funds on deposit in the Interest Reserve Escrow Account. Borrowers represent and warrant that they shall be responsible for payment of state and federal income taxes in respect of the Funds, and Lender agrees to issue Borrowers in the normal course the necessary federal tax reporting statements (e.g., Form 1099) for the interest earned or other returns on the Funds. Lender shall provide Borrowers with statements of account with respect to activity in the Interest Reserve Escrow Account in accordance with its customary practices. Borrowers acknowledge that Federal

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Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance for the Interest Reserve Escrow Account is limited to \$250,000. Borrowers agree to execute and deliver such additional documents as may be necessary to establish the Interest Reserve Escrow Account.

- (b) Lender shall have the sole right of access to the Interest Reserve Escrow Account and the Funds and Lender shall have sole right to make transfers and withdrawals from the Interest Reserve Escrow Account in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, the Interest Reserve Escrow Account shall be under the exclusive dominion and control of Lender. Neither Borrowers nor any representatives of Borrowers shall have signature authority with respect to the Interest Reserve Escrow Account, nor the right or ability to effect withdrawals or disbursements from, or the right or ability to exercise any other form of dominion or control over, the Interest Reserve Escrow Account, and Borrowers shall not seek to effect any such withdrawal or disbursement or to exercise any such dominion or control.
- (c) Lender may effectuate disbursements from the Interest Reserve Escrow Account either by internal debit, check or other method Lender deems appropriate. All conditions to Lender's obligation to disburse Funds from the Interest Reserve Escrow Account in accordance with this Agreement are for the exclusive benefit of Lender. Any or all such conditions may be waived or relaxed at any time or times by Lender, at its option. No such waiver or relaxation in any particular instance shall affect Lender's discretion in dealing with any such condition in any other instance.
- (d) In addition to any other rights, powers or remedies it may have, upon an Event of Default, Lender shall be authorized and directed to draw upon the Funds, the proceeds of which shall, in Lender's sole discretion, either (i) be applied to the outstanding Loan balance in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or (ii) continue to be held and maintained by Lender as additional collateral for the Loan subject to the terms of this Agreement.
- (e) Borrowers do hereby surrender and divest themselves of any and all right, title and interest in and to the Funds. Nevertheless, to the extent of any continuing right, title or interest that Borrowers may have or claim in and to the Funds, Borrowers do hereby pledge to Lender, and grant to Lender a security interest in, the Funds as additional security for the Loan and for the obligations of Borrowers under the Loan Documents. It is the intention of Borrowers and Lender that the security interests granted by Borrowers to Lender shall be made effective and shall be perfected to the fullest extent possible by Lender. Borrowers warrant, covenant and agree as follows:
 - (i) Borrowers have full right, power and authority to pledge, assign and grant a security interest in the Funds.
 - (ii) Borrowers will defend the security interest of Lender in the Funds against all claims and demands of all persons at any time claiming the same or any interest therein adverse to Lender.
 - (iii) There are no security interests, liens or encumbrances on all or any of the interest of Borrowers in the Funds, and there are no deposit account control

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agreements or other notices, statements or agreements creating or evidencing a security interest or lien naming any Borrowers' interest in any of the Funds, other those in favor of Lender.

- (iv) Borrowers will not sell or transfer an interest in or grant, permit or suffer to exist any security interest, lien, encumbrance or other interest in any of the Funds, except as may be granted to Lender.
- (v) Borrowers shall perform, at their cost and expense, any and all actions, and shall pay the amount of all reasonable expenses necessary to obtain, preserve, perfect, defend and enforce the security interest of Lender in any of the Funds, as provided herein.
- (f) Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default, Lender shall have, in addition to its other rights, powers and remedies under this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and applicable law, all rights, powers and remedies relating to the Funds as a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of Connecticut. Borrowers' pledge and grant of a security interest pursuant to this Section shall not be deemed or construed to modify, impair, override or otherwise affect the aforesaid surrender and divestiture. Instead, such pledge and grant is intended to protect Lender's interests in the event that, notwithstanding such surrender and divestiture, Borrowers may be deemed or found to have any continuing right, title or interest in and to all or any part of the Funds.
- (g) Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, Lender may, at its option, without demand or notice, setoff or recoup all or any part of the Funds so received by Lender against all or any part of the Loan (whether matured or unmatured), such order and priority as Lender may elect in its discretion.
- (h) No application of all or any part of the Funds to the Loan pursuant this Section shall in any way release, satisfy or discharge any of the remaining unpaid Loan or any security therefor. No delay or omission of Lender to insist upon strict performance of any obligations of any other party hereto under or in connection with this Agreement or to exercise any right, power or remedy available under or in connection with this Agreement (after the occurrence of any Event of Default or otherwise) shall waive, exhaust or impair any such obligation or any such right, power or remedy, nor shall any such delay or omission be deemed to be a waiver of, or acquiescence in or to, any Event of Default. Notwithstanding any such delay or omission, Lender thereafter shall have the right, from time to time and as often as Lender deems advisable, to insist upon strict performance of any and all obligations of the parties hereto and to exercise any and all rights, powers and remedies available under or in connection with this Agreement.
- 6. <u>Affirmative Covenants.</u> While this Agreement is in effect, and until full payment of the Obligations, Borrowers agree to comply with, observe and keep the following covenants and agreements:
- (a) Each Borrower shall comply with and perform, in all material respects, all of its obligations under the Loan Documents, and under all other contracts and agreements to

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which such Borrower is a party relating to the ownership, occupancy, use, or management of the Properties and the Collateral and shall comply with all requests by Lender which are consistent with the terms thereof.

(b) Each Borrower shall pay and discharge all taxes, general and special, charges and assessments, and other governmental obligations, which may have been or shall be levied, charged or assessed on or against it, its property, or its income or profits before they become delinquent (except for Vermont sales and use tax, which shall be paid to the extent required pursuant to a negotiated settlement) and pay and discharge on or before their due date any and all other lawful claims and demands whatsoever, including, but not limited to, trade obligations, provided, however, that the payment of any such taxes, assessments, governmental obligations or other claims and demands may be postponed so long as they or any of them are being diligently contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings, appropriate reserves have been provided therefor by such Borrower and no Lien is placed on any assets of such Borrower in connection with such taxes, assessments, governmental obligations or other claims or demands so contested by such Borrower.

(c) Borrowers shall maintain at all times:

- (i) Insurance on the Collateral against loss by all risks in such amounts and with such insurers as may be reasonably satisfactory to Lender, naming Lender, its successors and assigns, as their interests may appear, as additional insured and loss payee, as applicable, which insurance shall by the terms of the policy provide that (x) in the event of loss or damage, if any, the proceeds thereof shall be payable to Lender, as the holder of a security interest in the personal property of Borrowers insured under the policy as Lender's interest may appear; (y) the insurance, as to the interest of Lender, shall not be invalidated by any act or neglect of any Borrower, its manager(s), officers, agents or employees; by any proceeding, or notice of sale relating to said property or any of it; by any change in the title or ownership of the property, or any of it; or by the occupation of the premises where the property, or any of it, is located for purposes more hazardous than are permitted by the policy; and (z) if the policy is canceled, for whatever reason, the insurance shall continue in full force and effect for the benefit of Lender for not less than thirty (30) days after written notice of cancellation to Lender from the insurer which notice the insurer shall agree to give to Lender. Borrowers shall cause the insurer to supply to Lender certificates, or other evidence of insurance satisfactory to Lender, indicating compliance with the foregoing, including evidence of continuation thereof no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of any policy of insurance. Lender shall have the right to apply the proceeds of any such insurance in reduction of the Obligations, whether or not then due and payable, in such manner as Lender, in its sole discretion may determine or to pay over, at such times and in such amounts, such proceeds or part thereof, as Lender in its sole discretion may determine, to the respective Borrower for the purpose of replacing the Collateral affected by any loss relating thereto:
- (ii) General public liability insurance against claims for personal injury death or property damage in such amounts as are satisfactory to Lender and Workmen's Compensation insurance in statutory amounts and errors and omissions insurance with

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coverages not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) with companies licensed to do business in the State of Connecticut; and

- (iii) Such other insurance coverages as Lender shall reasonably request from time to time.
- (d) Borrowers shall maintain and preserve the Collateral in good order and condition, free of all liens and encumbrances except for those securing the Loan and Permitted Liens, and shall not permit or suffer the Collateral to be wasted or destroyed. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, Borrowers shall immediately notify Lender of any event (other than the passage of time) causing loss or depreciation in the value of the Collateral and the amount of such loss or depreciation.
- (e) Borrowers shall furnish, or cause to be furnished, to Lender promptly upon request therefor, such financial and other information relating to any Borrower and its affairs, the Properties and the Collateral, as Lender may from time to time reasonably request.
- (f) Borrowers shall defend the Collateral against all claims and demands of all persons at any time claiming the same or any interest therein and, in the event Lender's security interest in the Collateral, or part thereof, would be impaired by an adverse decision, allow Lender to contest or defend any such claim or demand in any Borrower's name and pay, upon demand, Lender's reasonable costs, charges and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, incurred by Lender in connection therewith.
- (g) Borrowers shall pay to Lender, on demand, any and all reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred or expended by Lender in the preparation of this Agreement, and all related agreements, instruments and documents, in making or processing and administering the Loan, including without limitation in connection with any modifications or amendments to the Loan, in the collection or attempted collection of the Obligations and in protecting and/or enforcing the rights of Lender against Borrowers and sustaining and/or enforcing the security interest and other liens, if any, granted to Lender hereunder and under all related agreements, instruments and documents.
- (h) Borrowers shall keep complete and accurate books and records reflecting all facts concerning the Properties and the Collateral and pertaining to the Obligations and Borrowers' covenants under this Agreement. Upon prior written or electronic (email) notice to Borrowers, Borrowers will permit representatives of Lender to have access to and to inspect and copy such books and records and contracts of Borrowers and to inspect the Properties and the Collateral and to discuss Borrowers' affairs, finances and accounts with any of its principal officers, all at such times and as often as may be requested. Any such inspection by Lender shall be for the sole benefit and protection of Lender, and Lender shall have no obligation to disclose the results thereof to Borrowers or to any third party. Borrowers shall reimburse Lender with respect to the cost of any such inspection.
- (i) Each Borrower shall comply in all material respects with all laws, ordinances and rules and regulations applicable to such Borrower of any Federal, state or local

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government or any instrumentality or agency thereof, including, but not limited to, ERISA, OSHA, and Federal, state and municipal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations concerning the environment except to the extent any such law, ordinance, rule or regulation, is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings provided that said contest or an adverse decision therein will not have a material adverse effect on the condition, financial, operating or otherwise, of such Borrower.

- (j) Borrowers shall promptly notify Lender in writing of (i) the happening of an Event of Default or the existence of a state of facts which by the passage of time, the giving of notice, or both, would constitute an Event of Default, (ii) the occurrence of a default under any other Indebtedness of any Borrower, or (iii) the existence of any judgements rendered against any Borrower.
- (k) Each Borrower shall (i) do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its legal existence, (ii) remain or become qualified to engage in business in good standing in all jurisdictions in which the property owned, leased or operated by it or the nature of the business conducted by it makes such qualification necessary, and (iii) take all reasonable action to maintain, preserve and protect the franchises, licenses, trademarks, copyrights and patents owned or licensed to it that are necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business.
- (l) In the event any Borrower decides to engage a third party management company to manage the Properties or any portion thereof, Borrower agrees to engage a management company reasonably satisfactory to Lender, pursuant to a property management agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Lender, and to cause such management company to execute a subordination agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Lender, and to deliver to Lender promptly upon such engagement, a fully-executed copy of the property management agreement, together with the subordination agreement signed by such manager.
- (m) Each Borrower shall comply with the Orders and take all actions necessary or appropriate to ensure that:
- (i) The Liens granted to Lender shall be deemed valid and perfected by entry of the Interim Order and the Final Order, as the case may be;
- (ii) The lien priorities, administrative expense claim priorities and other rights and remedies granted to the Lender pursuant to this Agreement, the Orders and the other Loan Documents shall not be modified, altered or impaired in any manner by any other financing or extension of credit or incurrence of Indebtedness by the Borrowers (pursuant to Section 364 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise), or by dismissal or conversion to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code of the Chapter 11 Case, or by any other act or omission whatsoever;
- (iii) No costs or expenses of administration which have been or may be incurred in the Chapter 11 Case or any conversion of the same to cases under chapter 7 of the

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Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceedings related thereto, and no priority claims, are or will be prior to or on a parity with any claim of the Lender against the Borrowers in respect of the Obligations;

- (iv) The Liens granted to Lender shall constitute valid and perfected first-priority Liens on all of the Collateral of the Borrowers;
- (v) The Mortgage granted to Lender shall constitute a valid and enforceable first-priority mortgage and lien on the Properties;
 - (n) Borrowers shall comply with and satisfy the following benchmarks:
- (i) Within 10 days of the date of filing of the Bankruptcy petitions (the "Filing Date"), Borrowers shall seek approval to retain Jonathan A. Joslow, or such other professional acceptable to Lender, as Chief Restructuring Officer with respect to the Chapter 11 Case;
- (ii) Borrowers shall schedule a hearing for approval Jonathan A. Joslow, or such other professional acceptable to Lender, as Chief Restructuring Officer, with the Bankruptcy Court, which shall take place within 30 days of the Filing Date;
- (iii) Within 45 days of the Filing Date, Borrowers shall convene a meeting of the membership of the Resort with result being that at least 65% of existing members commence paying 100% of monthly dues within 60 days of the filing of the Filing Date;
- (iv) Within 90 days of the Filing Date, Borrowers shall commencing making one or more additional deposits into the Interest Reserve Escrow Account (which, to avoid doubt, shall be made from Borrowers' own funds generated from approved sales of noncore assets and unneeded inventory and not proceeds of the Loan) in amounts sufficient to finance interest due under the Loan such that Borrowers shall at no time be more than 60 days in arrears in the payment thereof.
- (v) Within 120 days of the Filing Date, Borrowers shall have filed a plan of reorganization (the "Plan"), in form and substance satisfactory to Lender and approved by the membership of the Resort.
- (vi) The Plan shall be confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court within 60 days of the filing of thereof.
- 7. <u>Negative Covenants.</u> While this Agreement is in effect, and until full payment of the Obligations, Borrowers agree to comply with, observe and keep the following covenants and agreements:
- (a) Except for Permitted Liens and Permitted Exceptions, no Borrower shall create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any mortgage, pledge, security interest, encumbrance, lien

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or charge of any kind upon or defect in title to or restriction upon the use of the Collateral or the Properties, whether owned at the date hereof or hereafter acquired.

- (b) No Borrower shall hold or acquire any property or assets of any character under conditional sales agreements, Capital Leases or other title retention agreements.
- (c) No Borrower shall transfer, assign, lease, or otherwise dispose of its properties or assets, including but not limited to the Properties and Collateral, or change the nature of its business, except for (i) the transfer, sale or other disposition of items of the Equipment, which such Borrower determines are obsolete and no longer necessary or desirable for the proper conduct of its business, (ii) the transfer, sale or other disposition of items of Inventory in the ordinary course of such Borrower's business, and (iii) the transfer, sale or other disposition of surplus or worn out assets or the abandonment or other disposition of property that is, in the reasonable judgment of such Borrower, no longer economically practicable to maintain or useful in the conduct of the business.
- (d) No Borrower shall incur, assume, suffer to exist or otherwise have outstanding Indebtedness other than the Obligations and Permitted Indebtedness. No Borrower shall, directly or indirectly at any time pay any amount of principal or interest or prepay, purchase or redeem any Indebtedness, including without limitation any Permitted Indebtedness, but excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, the Obligations.
- (e) No Borrower shall assume, endorse, guaranty, or become surety for the obligations of any third Person (other than another Borrower).
- (f) No Borrower shall make any advance, loan, extension of credit or capital contribution to, or purchase any equity interests, bonds, notes, debentures or other debt securities of, or any assets constituting a business unit of, or make any other investment in, any Person, without the prior written consent of Lender.
- (g) No Borrower shall enter into any transactions of any kind with any of its Affiliates (other than another Borrower) without the consent of Lender.
- (h) No Borrower shall enter into any merger or consolidation, or sell all or substantially all of its assets, or liquidate, dissolve or otherwise terminate or alter its existence, form or method of conducting its business without the consent of Lender.
- (i) No Borrower shall change its entity name, adopt any trade names, or conduct its business under any trade name or style other than as hereinabove set forth, or change its chief executive office, place of business or the present locations of the Collateral or the records relating to the Collateral, without providing notice thereof to the Lender and payment of all fees and costs related to the filing of any documents necessary or required for the protection and preservation of Lender's lien and interest in and to the Properties and the Collateral.

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- (j) No Borrower shall acquire or form any Subsidiaries or acquire all or substantially all of the assets of any other Person or any portion of the assets of any other Person without the consent of Lender.
- (k) No Borrower shall change its ownership structure or senior management without the prior written consent of Lender.
- (l) No Borrower shall (i) conduct any business or engage in any transaction or dealing with any Blocked Person, including the making or receiving of any contribution of funds, goods or services to or for the benefit of any Blocked Person; (ii) deal in, or otherwise engage in any transaction relating to, any property or interests in property blocked pursuant to Executive Order No. 13224; or (iii) engage in or conspire to engage in any transaction that evades or avoids, or has the purpose of evading or avoiding, or attempts to violate, any of the prohibitions set forth in Executive Order No. 13224, the USA Patriot Act or any other Anti-Terrorism Law. Each Borrower shall deliver to Lender any certification or other evidence requested from time to time by Lender in its reasonable discretion, confirming such Borrower's compliance with this Section.
- (m) No Borrower shall make any Distributions without the prior written consent of Lender.
- (n) No Borrower shall permit any Person to surcharge the Collateral under Section 506(c) of the Bankruptcy Code or to obtain a Lien with respect to the Collateral which is equal to or senior to the Lien of the Lender.
- 8. Payments by Lender. At its option, Lender may pay for insurance on the Collateral and taxes, assessments or other charges which Borrowers fail to pay in accordance with the provisions hereof, or of any related agreement, instrument or document, and may discharge any security interest in or lien upon the Collateral. No such payment or discharge of any such security interest or lien shall be deemed to constitute a waiver by Lender of the violation of any covenant by Borrowers as a result of Borrowers' failure to make any such payment or Borrower's suffering of any such security interest or lien. Any payment made or expense incurred by Lender, pursuant to this or any other provision of this Agreement shall be added to and become a part of the Obligations of Borrowers to Lender, shall bear interest at the rate per annum charged pursuant to the Note and shall be payable on demand.
- 9. Rights of Lender; Notices. When the Obligations, or any of them, become immediately due and payable, whether by reason of default or as otherwise permitted by this Agreement, Lender may, pursue any legal remedy available to it to collect Obligations outstanding at said time, to enforce its rights hereunder, and to enforce any and all other rights or remedies available to it both under the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of Connecticut and otherwise, including, but not limited to, the right to take possession of the Collateral and dispose of the same on Borrowers' premises, all without judicial process if permitted by applicable laws, Borrowers hereby waiving any right Borrowers might otherwise have to require Lender to resort to judicial process and further waiving Borrowers' right to notice, except as expressly provided in this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents and

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to a hearing under the Constitution of the United States or any state or under any Federal or state law, and no such action shall operate as a waiver of any other right or remedy of Lender under the terms hereof, any other agreement, instrument or document executed and delivered to Lender pursuant to the terms hereof, or the law, all rights and remedies of Lender being cumulative and not alternative. In addition, Lender may require Borrowers to assemble the Collateral and make it available to Lender, at the Properties. In the event reasonable notice is required to be given by Lender to Borrowers under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in Connecticut, such notice shall be deemed to have been given if mailed, postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, at least ten (10) days prior to the happening of the event for which such notice is being given, to Borrowers at Borrowers' address first hereinabove written. Any notice required to be given by any party to another party, pursuant to the terms hereof, shall be deemed to have been given (except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement) upon receipt of the same, postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, to such party, as the case may be, at its address first hereinabove written. Any of the parties hereto may notify the other that any such notice shall be given to such other address as such party may so instruct by written notice similarly given.

- 10. <u>Article 9</u>. Borrowers hereby further acknowledges and agrees with the Lender as follows:
- (a) In applying Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in Connecticut ("Article 9"), the Collateral is all assets of Borrowers, whether or not within the scope of Article 9. The Collateral shall also include, without limitation, the following categories of assets as defined in Article 9: goods (including inventory, equipment and any accessions thereto), instruments (including promissory notes), documents, accounts, chattel paper (whether tangible or electronic), deposit accounts, letter-of-credit rights (whether or not the letter of credit is evidenced by a writing), commercial tort claims, securities and all other investment property, general intangibles (including payment intangibles and software), supporting obligations and any and all proceeds of any thereof, wherever located, whether now owned and hereafter acquired. If any Borrower shall at any time acquire a commercial tort claim, as defined in Article 9, Borrower shall immediately notify the Lender in a writing signed by such Borrower of the brief details thereof and grant to the Lender in such writing a security interest therein and in the proceeds thereof, all upon the terms of this Agreement, with such writing to be in form and substance satisfactory to the Lender.
- (b) Borrowers hereby authorizes the Lender at any time and from time to time, pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, to file financing statements, continuation statements and amendments thereto that describe the Collateral as "all assets of the Borrower" or words of similar effect and which contain any other information required by Article 9 for the sufficiency or filing office acceptance of any financing statement, continuation statement or amendment, including whether any Borrower is an organization, the type of organization and any organization identification number issued to such Borrower. Borrowers shall furnish any such information to the Lender promptly upon request. Any such financing statements, continuation statements or amendments may be prepared by the Lender on behalf of Borrowers, as provided in this Agreement, and may be filed at any time in any jurisdiction whether or not Article 9 is then in effect in that jurisdiction.

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- (c) Borrowers shall at any time and from time to time, whether or not Article 9 is in effect in any particular jurisdiction, take such steps as the Lender may reasonably request for the Lender (a) to obtain an acknowledgement, in form and substance satisfactory to the Lender, of any bailee having possession of any of the Collateral that the bailee holds such Collateral for the Lender, (b) to obtain "control" of any investment property, deposit accounts, letter-of-credit rights or electronic chattel paper (as such terms are defined in Article 9 with corresponding provisions in UCC §§ 9-104, 9-105, 9-106, 9-107 relating to what constitutes "control" for such items of Collateral), with any agreements establishing control to be in form and substance satisfactory to the Lender, and (c) otherwise to insure the continued perfection and priority of the Lender's security interest in any of the Collateral and of the preservation of its rights therein, whether in anticipation and following the effectiveness of Article 9 in any jurisdiction.
- (d) Nothing contained herein shall be construed to narrow the scope of the security interest granted hereby in any of the Collateral or the perfection or priority thereof or to impair or otherwise limit any of the rights, powers, privileges or remedies of the Lender hereunder except as (and then only to the extent) specifically mandated by Article 9 to the extent then applicable.
- Borrower acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement grants, and is intended to grant, a security interest in all assets of the Borrowers and that, in addition to its other legal rights, the Lender is expressly authorized to authenticate and to file or transmit a financing statement or other record to perfect such security interest which describes the Collateral as "all personal property" or "all assets" of the Borrowers. Each Borrower represents and warrants that it shall not file a correction statement relating to the collateral or to any financing statement or fixture filing filed by the Lender without the Lender's prior written consent. Each Borrower shall, at its expense, furnish to Lender a certified copy of its organizational documents verifying its correct legal name or, at Lender's election, shall permit the Lender to obtain such certified copy at such Borrower's expense. From time to time, at Lender's election, the Lender may obtain a certified copy of each Borrower's organizational documents and a search of such Uniform Commercial Code filing offices as it shall deem appropriate, at such Borrower's expense, to verify such Borrower's compliance with the terms of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Borrowers shall have no obligation to reimburse Lender for the cost of more than one (1) such search in any calendar year, unless an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.
- 11. <u>Collection of Accounts.</u> During the continuation of an Event of Default hereunder, Borrowers shall make collections of proceeds upon its Accounts, hold the proceeds received from collections in trust for Lender and turn over such proceeds to Lender upon Lender's request for same. Upon payment, Lender shall immediately apply such proceeds, and any proceeds of Accounts received by it pursuant to the following provisions of this <u>Section 11</u>, to the payment of the Obligations in such order of application as Lender, in its sole discretion, may determine. Borrowers shall, when requested by Lender during the continuation of an Event of Default:
- (a) Assign or endorse the Accounts to Lender, and notify Account Debtors that the Accounts have been assigned and should be paid directly to Lender;

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- (b) Turn over to Lender all Inventory returned in connection with any of the Accounts;
- (c) Mark or stamp each of its individual ledger sheets or cards pertaining to its Accounts with the legend "Assigned to Restructured Opportunity Investors, Inc. ISAOA/ATIMA" and stamp or otherwise mark and keep its books, records, documents and instruments relating to the Accounts in such manner as Lender may require; and
- (d) Mark or stamp all invoices with a legend satisfactory to Lender so as to indicate that the same should be paid directly to Lender.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lender shall have the right, at any time, during the continuation of an Event of Default, to itself so notify such Account Debtors to make such payments of the Accounts directly to Lender and Lender shall have the further right to notify the post office authorities to change the address for delivery of mail of Borrowers to an address designated by Lender and to receive, open and dispose of all mail addressed to any Borrower.

During the continuation of an Event of Default hereunder, each Borrower hereby irrevocably constitute Lender or its assignee as such Borrower's attorney-in-fact to issue in the name and execute or endorse on behalf of such Borrower each and every notice, instrument and document necessary to carry out the purposes of the provisions of this Section 11, and to take such action in connection with the collection of the Accounts, including, but not limited to, suing thereon, compromising or adjusting the same, as Lender, in its sole discretion, deems necessary and proper. The power of attorney granted hereby shall be self-executing, but each Borrower shall promptly execute and deliver to Lender or its assignee, upon written request of Lender or its assignee such additional separate powers of attorney, as Lender may from time to time reasonably request.

- 12. <u>Default Provisions</u>. Except as may be otherwise set forth in the Orders, Lender may at its option declare the Obligations and any note evidencing the same to be due and payable whereupon the same shall become due and payable forthwith, without presentment, protest, demand or notice of any kind, or Lender may pursue any and all remedies provided for hereunder, or under any one or more of the other Loan Documents, or under applicable law, in any of the following cases:
- (a) If any payment of interest or any other payment required by the terms hereof or by any note or other instrument, agreement or document executed and delivered to Lender pursuant to the terms hereof shall not be fully paid within sixty (60) days of when due;
 - (b) If Borrower shall fail to repay in full the Obligations on the Maturity Date;
- (c) Subject to the Orders, if payment required by any of the obligations of Borrowers for money borrowed by any of them from any third Person shall not be fully paid when demand is made for the payment of the same (to the extent payable on demand) or, subject to any grace,

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notice or cure period, when the same shall fall due, or if any of said obligations shall be declared in default;

- (d) If any warranty or representation by Borrowers contained herein or in any related agreement, instrument or document, or in any, statement furnished by Borrower to Lender, including without limitation the Loan Documents, proves to have been incorrect in any material respect when made;
- (e) If a default exists in the due observance of any of the covenants or agreements of Borrowers set forth in this Agreement (other than <u>Section 6(n)</u> hereof), after notice from Lender of such default and thirty (30) days to cure such default to the reasonable satisfaction of Lender;
- (f) If a default exists in the due observance of any of the covenants set forth in Section 6(n) hereof;
- (g) An order shall be entered by the Bankruptcy Court converting the Chapter 11 Case to a case or cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (h) An order shall be entered by the Bankruptcy Court amending, supplementing, staying, vacating, revoking, reversing or otherwise modifying this Agreement and the rights of Lender hereunder or the Order, without the prior written consent of Lender;
- (i) Any Borrower makes payment on, makes an application to make payment on or supports, directly or indirectly, or does not actively contest in good faith any application by another Person to make payment on, any material prepetition claim without the prior written consent of the Lender;
- (j) An order shall be entered by the Bankruptcy Court granting any creditor material relief from the automatic stay to exercise rights with respect to property of the estate;
- (k) The proceeds of the Loan are utilized to prosecute actions, claims, demands or causes of action against the Lender or to object to or contest in any manner or to raise any defense in any pleading to the validity, perfection, priority or enforceability of the Obligations or of the rights, claims, liens and security interest granted to the Lender hereunder or under the Order;
- (l) An order shall be entered by the Bankruptcy Court dismissing any part of the Chapter 11 Case;
- (m) An order with respect to the Chapter 11 Cases shall be entered without the express prior written consent of the Lender (i) to revoke, vacate, reverse, stay, modify, supplement or amend this Agreement, any Loan Document or the Order, or (ii) to permit any claim against or obligation of the Borrowers (now existing or hereafter arising, of any kind or nature whatsoever) to have priority equal to or superior to the priority of the Lender in respect of the Obligations;
 - (n) The dissolution or termination of the legal existence of any Borrower; and

- (o) The occurrence of an "Event of Default" under any of the other Loan Documents.
- 13. <u>Conditions Precedent to Making Loan</u>. On or prior to the Closing of the Loan, Lender shall have actually received, in form and content satisfactory to Lender:
 - (i) A borrowing resolution of each Borrower authorizing the Person executed this Agreement on behalf of such Borrower to execute and deliver this Agreement and all other agreements, instruments and documents required to be executed and delivered by it to Lender by the terms hereof;
 - (ii) The following documents evidencing and securing the Loan (together with all other documents, instruments and agreement evidencing, securing or otherwise executed by Borrowers in connection with the Loan, collectively, the "Loan Documents"):
 - (1) This Agreement;
 - (2) The note evidencing the Loan all as executed by Borrower;
 - (3) The Mortgage from HIREHCO, as mortgagor, to Lender, as mortgagee, as to the Properties;
 - (4) An Assignment of Leases and Rents from HIREHCO, as assignor, to Lender, as assignee;
 - (5) A Collateral Assignment of Contracts, Licenses, Permits and Agreements between Borrowers and Lender;
 - (6) UCC-1 Financing Statements as to the Collateral and the Properties naming each Borrower, as a debtor and Lender, as secured party;
 - (7) An Environmental Indemnification Agreement from Borrowers to Lender; and
 - (8) Such other instruments, documents, agreements and certificates as Lender reasonably requires.
 - (iii) UCC and lien searches as Lender requests;
 - (iv) Certificates or other proof of insurance satisfactory to Lender evidencing compliance with the provisions of Section 6(e) of this Agreement;
 - (v) Flood insurance for the Properties, if located in a flood zone, or if determined to be in a flood zone at a future date;

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- (vi) A title insurance policy signed by an officer of the title company issuing said policy for the Properties; and
- (vii) Such other documents, instruments or agreements as Lender may reasonably request.
- 14. <u>Set-Off</u>. Borrowers hereby grant to Lender, a lien on and a right of set-off against all monies, deposits and securities and the proceeds thereof, now or hereafter held or received by, or in transit to, Lender from or for any Borrower, whether for safekeeping, pledge, custody, transmission, collection or otherwise, and all deposits (general or special), balances, sums and credits with and all claims of any Borrower against Lender at any time existing. Lender may at any time during the continuation of an Event of Default herein apply the same or any part thereof to the Obligations, or any part thereof.

15. [Intentionally Omitted]

16. **Indemnification.** In consideration of the Lender's execution and delivery of this Agreement and making of the Loan hereunder and in addition to all other obligations of Borrowers under this Agreement, Borrowers hereby agree to defend, protect, indemnify and hold harmless the Lender and its successors, assigns, officers, directors, employees and agents (including, without limitation, those retained in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement) (collectively, the "Indemnitees") from and against any and all actions, causes of action, suits, claims, losses, costs, penalties, fees, liabilities and damages and expenses in connection therewith (irrespective of whether any such Indemnitees are a party to any action for which indemnification hereunder is sought), and including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements (the "Indemnifiable Liabilities") incurred by the Indemnitees or any of them as a result of, or arising out of, or relating to (a) the execution, delivery, performance or enforcement of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and any instrument, document or agreement executed pursuant hereto; (b) the Lender's status as lender to, or creditor of, any Borrower; or (c) the operation of each Borrower's respective business from and after the date hereof, provided that, with respect to (a), (b) and (c) above, the Borrowers shall not be required to indemnify any Indemnitee for any Indemnifiable Liabilities resulting from such Indemnitee's own gross negligence or willful misconduct. To the extent that the foregoing undertaking by the Borrowers may be unenforceable for any reason, the Borrowers shall make the maximum contribution to the payment and satisfaction of each of the Indemnifiable Liabilities which is permissible under applicable law.

17. **General Provisions.**

- (a) No delay or failure of Lender in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall affect such right, power or privilege, nor shall any single or partial exercise preclude any further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other rights, powers or privileges.
- (b) This Agreement, the security interest hereby granted to Lender by Borrowers and every representation, warranty, covenant, promise and other agreements contained herein shall survive until the Obligations have been paid in full.

- (c) This Agreement is an integrated document and all terms and provisions are embodied herein and shall not be varied by parol evidence.
- (d) This Agreement shall in all respects be governed, construed, applied and enforced in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Connecticut without regard to principles of conflicts of law.
- (e) The captions for the paragraphs contained in this Agreement have been inserted for convenience only and form no part of this Agreement and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or construction of any of the covenants, agreements, conditions or terms hereof.
- (f) This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns, provided, however, that Borrowers shall not assign, voluntarily, by operation of law or otherwise, any of their rights hereunder without the prior written consent of Lender and any such attempted assignment without such consent shall be null and void. The term "Lender" as used herein shall mean not only the original Lender named herein but also future holders of this Agreement and the Note.
- (g) All notices, approvals, consents, requests, demands and other communications with, to, from or upon the respective parties hereto shall be in writing and shall be hand delivered, sent by electronic mail (e-mail) or sent by guaranteed overnight delivery service or by registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

if to Lender, at:

Restructured Opportunity Investors, Inc. 11 Scovill Street, P.O. Box 2763 Waterbury, Connecticut 06723-2763

Attention:

Keith S. Mahler

Email:

keith@mahlercompany.com

with a copy to:

Halloran & Sage LLP One Goodwin Square 225 Asylum Street Hartford, CT 06103

Attention:

Craig Lifland, Esq.

Email:

lifland@halloransage.com

if to Borrowers, at:

Hermitage Inn Real Estate Holding Company LLC Hermitage Club LLC

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145 Deercliff Road Avon, Connecticut 06001 Attention: James Barnes

Email:

jbarnes@hermitageclub.com

with a copy to:

Neubert, Pepe & Monteith, P.C. 195 Church Street, 13th Floor New Haven, CT 06510

Attention:

Douglas S. Skalka, Esq.

Email:

DSkalka@npmlaw.com

or to such other address as either party may designate from time to time by notice to the other in the manner set forth herein. All such communications shall be deemed to be given (i) if hand delivered, sent by electronic mail (e-mail) or sent by guaranteed overnight delivery service, on the day received (or, if such day is not a Business Day, on the first Business Day thereafter), or (ii) if mailed, on the third Business Day following deposit thereof in the U.S. Mail.

- (h) Borrowers hereby agree that Lender, in its sole discretion, may freely sell. assign or otherwise transfer participations, portions, co-lender interests or other interests in all or any portion of the indebtedness, liabilities or obligations arising in connection with or in any way related to the financing transactions of which this Agreement is a part provided that such transferee is a recognized financial institution and such transfer is at no cost, expense or additional obligation to Borrowers. In the event of any such transfer, the transferee may, in Lender's sole discretion, have and enforce all the rights, remedies and privileges of Lender in accordance with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Borrowers consent to the release by Lender to any potential transferee of any and all information (including without limitation, financial information) pertaining to Borrowers as Lender, in its sole discretion, may deem appropriate, provided that Lender makes reasonable efforts to preserve in confidence any proprietary or confidential material identified to it as such. If such transferee so participates with Lender in making loans or advances hereunder or under any other agreement between such Lender and Borrowers and Lender identifies such transferee to Borrowers in writing, Borrowers hereby grants to such transferee and such transferee shall have and is hereby given a continuing lien and security interest in any money, securities or other property of Borrowers in the custody or possession of such transferee, including the right of setoff under circumstances consistent with this Agreement, to the extent of such transferee's participation in the Obligations of Borrowers to Lender.
- (i) BORROWERS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE TRANSACTION OF WHICH THIS AGREEMENT IS A PART IS A COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION, AND TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED UNDER CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTIONS 52-278a TO 52-278n, INCLUSIVE, OR BY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW BORROWERS HEREBY WAIVE THEIR RIGHTS TO NOTICE AND HEARING WITH RESPECT TO ANY PREJUDGMENT REMEDY WHICH LENDER MAY DESIRE TO USE, AND FURTHER WAIVE ALL RIGHTS TO: 1) REQUEST THAT LENDER POST

A BOND, WITH OR WITHOUT SURETY, TO PROTECT AGAINST DAMAGES THAT MAY BE CAUSED BY ANY PREJUDGMENT REMEDY SOUGHT OR OBTAINED BY LENDER, 2) REQUEST THAT THE PREJUDGMENT REMEDY BE DISSOLVED OR MODIFIED OR THAT THE BORROWERS BE ALLOWED TO SUBSTITUTE A BOND FOR THE PREJUDGMENT REMEDY, AND 3) SHOW THAT THE PROPERTY SUBJECTED TO THE PREJUDGMENT REMEDY IS EXEMPT FROM SUCH A PREJUDGMENT REMEDY.

- (j) BORROWERS HEREBY WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY COURT IN ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING ON ANY MATTER ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THE FINANCING TRANSACTIONS OF WHICH THIS AGREEMENT IS A PART AND/OR THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY OF LENDER'S RIGHTS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, TORT CLAIMS. BORROWERS FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT LENDER HAS NOT REPRESENTED TO BORROWERS THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION WILL NOT BE FULLY ENFORCED IN ALL INSTANCES.
- (k) BORROWERS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY MAKE THE FOREGOING WAIVERS IN (i) AND (j) ABOVE, KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT DURESS AND ONLY AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE RAMIFICATIONS OF SUCH WAIVERS WITH ITS ATTORNEYS.
- (l) Borrowers agree that any state or federal court of competent jurisdiction over the State of Connecticut shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any claims or disputes pertaining to the financing transactions of which this Agreement is a part and/or to any matter arising or in any way related to this Agreement or any other agreement between Lender and Borrowers, and Borrowers expressly submit and consent in advance to such jurisdiction in any action or proceeding.
- (m) This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one instrument.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

BORROWERS:
HERMITAGE INN REAL ESTATE HOLDING COMPANY LLC
Ву:
Name:
Title:
HERMITAGE CLUB LLC
Ву:
Name:
Title:
LENDER:
RESTRUCTURE OPPORTUNITY INVESTORS, INC.
By:
Name:
Title:

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EXHIBIT LIST

EXHIBIT A Note

EXHIBIT B Permitted Liens

EXHIBIT C Locations

EXHIBIT D Permitted Indebtedness

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EXHIBIT B Permitted Liens

[TO BE COMPLETED UPON RECEIPT OF CURRENT UCC SEARCH]

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EXHIBIT C Locations

The Properties.

336 Olde Stage Road, 2nd Floor, Glastonbury, Connecticut

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EXHIBIT D Permitted Indebtedness

[COMPANY TO PROVIDE CURRENT LIST OF OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS]